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Woof Woof Story
~I Said I Wanted To Be A Rich
Person's Dog, Not A Fenrir!~

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- STORY -

"If I get reincarnated, I want to be the dog of a rich household. Not having to work and having my meals handed out to me while I just sleep would be the best, wouldn't it?"

Those are the thoughts of Oogami Routa, a corporate slave who died from working too much.

"I shall grant your wish!! (I'll also give you something special as an extra!)"

Because of an enthusiastic rookie goddess, Routa truly became a rich person's dog. He spent everyday being loved by his owner and living a pet's life.

...however

"Wait, aren't I too big for a dog? Huge fangs and a scary face, doesn't this look more like a wolf!?"

Afraid of getting exterminated for being a dangerous animal, Routa did his best to act like a cute dog.

What Routa didn't know was that he was no ordinary wolf, but the demon wolf king himself, Fenrir!



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大富豪のご令嬢にして、
ロウタのご主人様。
清楚で優しく、愛情たっぷり
ロウタを甘やかしてくれる。

メアリ

犬に転生して労働から
解放されたはずが、
どう考えても狼にしか
見えない姿に成長する。
必死で犬らしく振る舞い、
正体をごまかすが――

ロウタ

ミステリアスな森の魔女。
医療にも通じており、
皆からの信頼は厚い。

ヘカーテ

ゼノビア

お屋敷に滞在する食客剣士。
ロウタの正体を疑っている。



～大浴場でお嬢様と大はしゃぎ～

「ロウタはヤーい！」

全力でメアリお嬢様を
楽しませる。

それだけが
この駄犬に課せられた
使命よ！





GROOOUUUUUU.....

生物としての格が、
違いすぎる……!!

すみか
～薬草を求めて竜の棲処へ～

Chapter 1

“Oh, i'm gonna die”

Just before my consciousness went away I murmured.

I know the cause. It is overwork.

I have not slept much recently.

I have not returned home either.

What on earth am I doing?

My body pitches forward.

I feel no resistance.

My first kiss is sad, it's with the floor.

“(Ah, Since I ate just before dying, I wanted to sleep slowly.If I am reborn,I want to live as a rich dog)”

The floor gets closer and then I lost consciousness forever.

[That wish, let's make it true!!]

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I was stunned by the soft touch on my body.

Am I wrapped on blankets and on a futon? It is hard to move.

My body is tired but my mind is ready to go.

“kuku... (what was that, uhh , kissing the floor, dieing, Then...)”

I feel like I heard a woman's voice before death.

I feel like I had talked with that woman.

However I do not remember anything.

Let's recall it bit by bit.

“kuuu, kuku... (I was oogami akirafuto okami Routs. 29 years old, a company worker. No hobbies. No friends. No lover. No family. No marriage. Just a nice guy)”

But I feel sad when I say it myself.

It was a life without good things.

And it ended.

But somehow I am alive.

“Oh, it got up. Father, this one got up!”

“kuu...? (nn...?)”

When I looked up I saw large round blue eyes.

It's a giant.

Immediately after thinking that. A big hand lifts my body.

“KuKu! (Oi, Stop it!)”

I mean, a little ago I heard [Ku Ku] So noisy.

“Kyan Kyan!”

Is all that comes out when I talk. It sounds like a puppies cry.

“ku... (no. It can't be...!)”

That's it.

I remember it now.

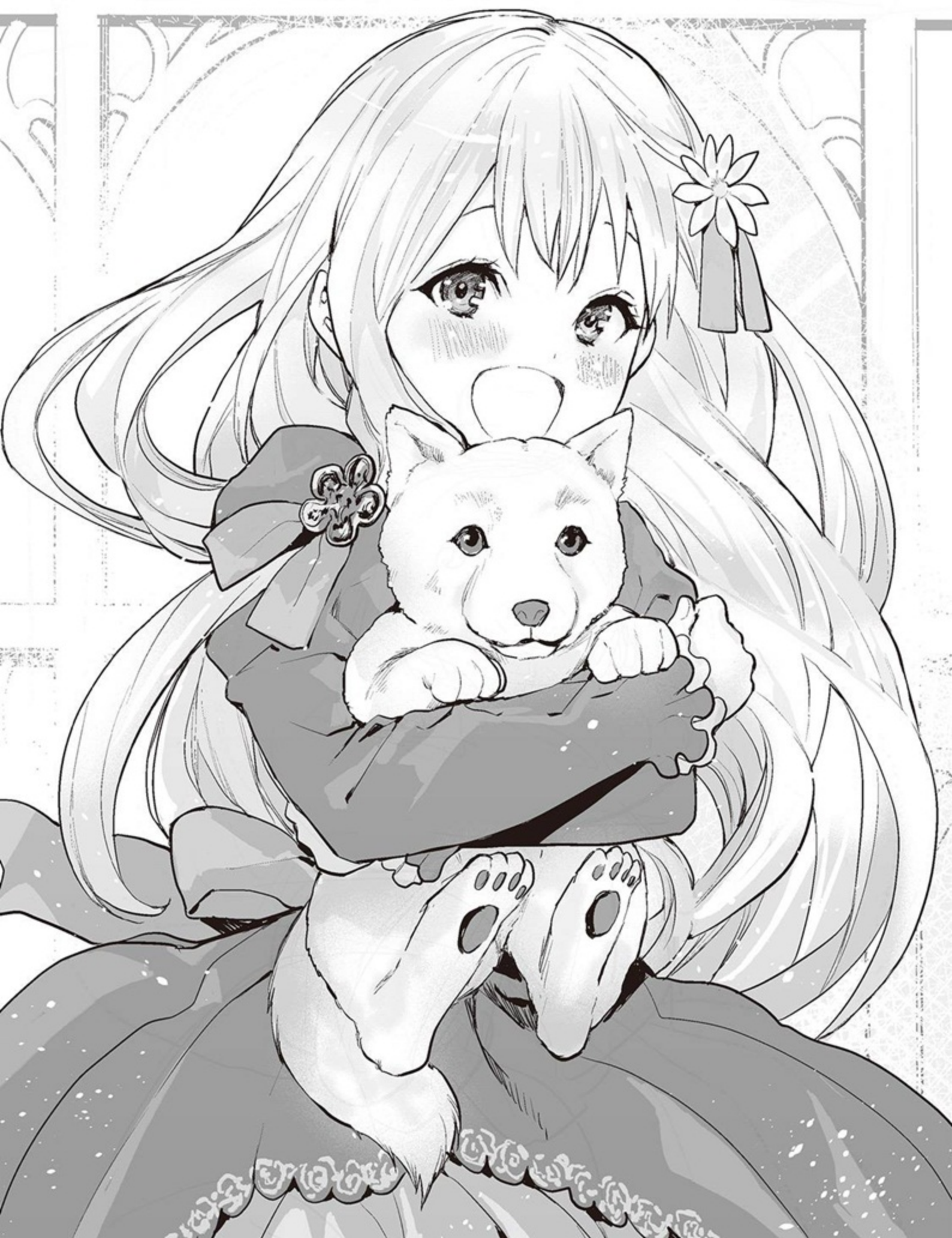
Just before death I made a wish.

Then I heard the voice of the woman who fulfilled that wish.

“Ku...! (No way, I was born into the body of a dog...?!)”

The suspicion quickly turned into conviction.

A girl with blue eyes was reflected in the mirror and I was the puppy the girl was holding.



It is a puppy covered in pure white hair.
A small fluffy body.
Like a round ball.

No doubt.
I was born again as a dog.

“Cute! it's really Cute! Hey Father,After all, This child is nice!”

“hmmm, oh well. It's fine if you keep it then. Storekeeper, I will take this dog”

The girl's father spoke with the man wearing an apron.

“yes, Costumer. Right away... n? Such a dog. where you came from...?”

While wearing round glasses the man looked at me.

“aa, A certificate of pedigree doesn't matter. My daughter is happy and that's all that matters”

The father stopped him.

“A, right. Then, We will be prepared soon. Ojou-sama, We will prepare a basket”

“It's fine, I will just hold it!”

Oi Oi, why aren't you asking me!
When I'm hugged i'm wrapped in the warmth of this girl.
When I bury my face it smells nice.

Ok.
This is fine.

Cuddle me as much as you want.
And please feed me.
Good food! Pamper me a lot!

I had a hard time in my past life.
I do not want to work, instead let me sleep.

“goaugoau (Meat! Meat!)”

I chew away at the meat with bones attached I was given.
It's a steak that has blood dripping.

Is it okay to feed such thing to a dog.
These people are too rich.

But, I don't get full no matter how good my lunch is.
More. Give me more meat!

“Please calm down and eat slowly, Routa”

The Ojou-sama who picked me up was amazed.
Her hand stroking me was very soft.

My name is the same as before.
It is said the be name of a hero who saved the world.
The Ojou-sama saw me and gave me name in an instant.

I am Routa even in another world.
But I have never saved the world and I won't in the future.

The mission given to me was not such a thing but to live a pet's life until death.

“Gau Gau (no no, I can't when)”

From that day when I was chosen by the Ojou-sama, time passed quickly.
No, even if I say it's passed, it is still only a month ago.

It was only the first week that a pup needs milk.
I did not need baby food, I became a big dog that eats 2 kilos of meat every day.

“How ever, it is a dog that eats a lot”

The cook, an old man is grilling meat for me.

Today's menu is saute beef.

It seems the same thing were used for the Ojou-sama's lunch. But that doesn't matter.

Just because the other party is a dog doesn't mean you can give them raw meat.

Though it doesn't need complicated seasonings, I am never worried after becoming a dog.

Rather I like the taste of meat juice.

Tastes of seasonings are never like it.

Good work.

"It's fine. It's cute. Routs eat a lot and get bigger"

"Goau!"

I bark like that as an answer and lick the face of the Ojou-sama.

I licked it impudently and cover her with saliva.

It was a smart thing to do.

Because I am a smart dog.

The lady stroked my head in return.

Her name is Maria Von Falks.

Maria Ojou-sama.

Mr. Gandorf von Falcs' only daughter and my master.

A beautiful girl with blonde hair and blue eyes that will turn 14 this year.

She is my goddess who gives me a comfortable pet life.

My important master.

I swear I will serve you all my life.

Although I won't work.

"nn?, Whats wrong? Is your belly itchy? I'll scratch it"

When my belly is show. The Ojou-sama with thin fingertips, gently scratched.

Time of bliss.

"Hahaahahaha"

“I feel something Strange”

The old man cook raised one eye as if he was amazed.

“Not at all it is just cuteness.right here, Does it feel good here?”

“Hahahahahaha”

Aa, it really is the best.

Conviction was gained.

I didn't think happiness like this was possible.

I want to live forever.

I want to do it somehow.

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It was time when I took a nap in a large hall.

“That dog is funny”

A dignified voice sounded from the staircase.

The Mr. Gandorf, the father of Ojou-sama. A swords woman is talking.

When I was lying down by the staircase I looked up idly.

“hmmm. Whats funny? It's just like a normal dog”

“Where is it!? This dog has been here for one month! In one month?! This size. Isn't it strange? This dog is growing too fast! It may be a child of a mountain wolf. You should dispose of it now.”

I was pointed at.

“What are you saying Zenovia. This dog was the one my daughter chose. What would she feel like if i were to do such a thing?”

Do you know how much the lady depends on me.

From the moment I wake up the the moment I go to bed I am with her.

Because it is tutoring time I am free.

“What would you do if she got hurt though? Please look. It will attack if you are too careless! Please leave it to me! I will kill it in one blow”

Oi oi oi this swordswoman is being noisy.

“I have an obligation to protect the people of this household”

“hmmm. What are you saying in my home? I think that there is no duty for you to do that. Rather that dog is part of the family. I think you should remember that”

“Then...!”

“Just look at him. This carefree appearance does it look like a fierce beast that will attack every person it sees?”

I yawned big and loud to show off and scratched my ear with my hind leg.
I am a harmless puppy, senovia-chan.
I am also fluffy.

“kuu... I must be leaving now!”

The freeloader swordswoman left after she knew her opinion did not matter.

“Ki...!”

“(hee...)”

When she passed me I saw eyes with a thirst for blood.
Why are you so desperate to kill a puppy?
It's horribly scary.

“Well. She is very good, but sometimes she is too serious. Hey, Rوتا”

Yes yes , I think so papa-san.
I'm not even a watchdog.
But I'm willing to take care of you food.
Ah yes, over there, more under the neck.

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“n～♪ nnn～♪”

Marie ojousama is choosing clothes to wear going out while humming her songs.

Although it is a figure only wearing underwear I don't care, because I am a dog.

No, since I am a human in a dogs body It is a specical to the eyee.

The spirt of “Yes lolita No Touch” flows through me.

I am not going to touch ojou sama in that way.

“Ojousama, what about this dress here?”

A maid was standing by her side helping to chose a dress.

“It is a nice colour. But is it a bit difficult to move in?”

“Is mobility by the lakeside necessary?”

“ummm, if it is not easy to move, I can't play with Routa. Hey Routa, What do you thing about these clothes?”

“Goau! (Ojousama is the worlds cutest! whatever you are wearing is the cutest in the world! But I do not want to run around, I wonder if that clothing is difficult to move in! Let's lie under a tree in it's shadow and eat snacks)”

“Well. If you say so then this dress is fine”

“Oh, ojou-sama knows what routa is saying”

“Ofcourse i do because it is routa”

“Oh dear”

Ufufufu with that the maid smiles.

I was also wagging my tail.

Furi furi.

“gau (oh, it went away)”

My tail got caught in the basket that all the clothes that Ojou has taken off was put in. Besides being changed to a dog my body size has been constantly changing so I have no gotten used to it.

Looking at it there are clothes flying everywhere.

“oh dear, Rوتا”

“Gau gau (oops, Excuse me. How ever the worry is for nothing miss maid)”

I will quickly pick it up.

I do not usually collect laundry.

But of course I will not hold it in my mouth otherwise it will get covered in drool.

Using my tail I scooped up the clothes to the basket.

“waa, Rوتا is so clever!”

“Gau (Sometimes I work as well!)”

I quickly push all the laundry to the basket.

“Gau... (Nn...?)”

I suddenly noticed.

A large mirror used by ojou-sama for changing clothes.

My figure is reflected in it.

It is the first time I have seen myself since I was purchased.

I have changed to a ikeman dog from the teacup size pup.

I sit in front of the mirror.

Such a good looking man.

I have already fallen in love with my beauty.

Thanks to the bath I have everyday my body hair is clean, white and shiny.

My ears are big and is able to catch even distant sound.

My eyes are big and green like emeralds.

In my mouth are many sharp teeth able to catch anything no matter what they are.

My body is strong and nothing like a regular dog.

“...gau? (...that?)”

Unusually sharp eyes, big teeth and robust limbs.

Is this really a dog.

It is too big for a dog and theres a wild look on the face.

It is not a dog.

There are no dogs with such a scary face.

I would report it if I found it living in my neighborhood.

Why are you okay with this.

Even if you see it this is not a dog but a wolf.

I once again look at myself in the mirror.

When I wrinkled my nose I became even scarier.

“goau...! (Eee, Scary. Scary face. what is this, really scary. If I encountered such a thing my pants would not leave dry. No, there may be a full release!)”

I understand what zenovia was saying.

If you had such a beast at home you would watch out.

A dog does not bark Goau gaou.

What is this a pet does not go goau that's an animal.

I became this size in one month.

I do now know what I will be like in one year.

If I become more scary I do not know what I would do.

Beasts are slaughtered.

It is common sense in any world.

A terrible figure of zenovia holding a sword enters my mind.

“goa... goau... (Well, what will I do?)”

I do not want to die.

Only a depraved life lies ahead of me.

I will always spend my days sleeping.

I was worried.

I was reborn a dog, actually I found out i'm a wolf and for the first time I am worried.

Even as a human I may not of suffered like this.

“goa... (okay...!)”

I should calm down.

“What did you do, does your stomach hurt?”

Mary ojou-sama was worried, looking at my face.

This gesture with her long blond hair is very cute.

Then I have decide.

I am. I am.

I will look after Ojou-sama.

“...Kwun. Wan wan!”

I decided I will pretend as hard as I can that I am a dog.

Chapter 2

A figure of a white wolf is reflected on the surface of the lake.
I was overlooking it in a depressed mood.

“Goau... (Such a wonderful wolf. It's a miracle that No one is worried about me attacking someone. Other than the female swordsman. ”

I let out a sigh.
If I grow any bigger than this more people will become suspicious.
If you at me you will see something hellish.

Water sprinkled on the surface of the lake and the appearance of the wolf warped.

“Routa, come in as well, let's swim together”

Mary who was lifting the hem of her skirt came running over.
She is unexpectedly a tomboy.
With an appearance of a water fairy playing in the shallow water.
Super cute.

“goa... ku, Kyuun”

dangerous.
When answering usually a scary bark came out.

I am a dog.
I am a dog.
I am harmless and incompetent.

“Hey are you scared of water? But I thought you loved baths?”

Ojou-sama grabbed my front leg and pulled but my gigantic figure was not disturbed.

“wa, wan wan (I, I'm coming right now!)”

It is quite hard to imitate a bark of a dog.

I worked hard and raised the sound of a dog so now I will enjoy swimming with my Ojou-sama.

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Burun Bururun.

I shake my body throwing water everywhere.

“Kyaa”

Ojou-sama receiving the water laughed happily.

When I shook off the water I returned to my normal fluffy look.

“he he, look Rوتا a rainbow is coming”

The spray became a fog that showed a brilliant rainbow.

Even though it was beautiful, with the summer heat it eventually went away.

“Rوتا, Rوتا”

Ojou called me.

Eeh? What to see it again, then It can't be helped.

Again, I was about jump into the lake but the maid who was waiting at the carriage came calling.

“Ojou sama, we will be returning soon, there will be study in the afternoon aswell”

“Uu. Let's go Rوتا, I cannot make sensei wait. ”

“wan wan! (Ojousama has to study hard from morning to night. Because of that I sleep and eat untill she comes back. So leave it to me!)”

I comforted Ojou on the carriage.

It is a four seater horse drawn carriage but, two of the seats are mine.

I have not realized it until now but things like this are expensive.
Moreover I still have signs of growing further.

“With this, We leave. ”

The person that is the horse man? It is my friend the swordswoman zenovia.

I have been so lucky to be reborn in this place.
First of all imagine old europe.

Stone buildings. Fields of golden wheat. Echoing in the dark forest, the sound of a wood cutter. it is very calm and beautiful.

However there is a misunderstanding in the world of swords and magic which cannot be considered common sense in the modern world.

Monsters in this world are called demons. the people who fight them day and night are called adventurers.

This swordswoman is one of those.
She is a falx family friend, but it seems she was an adventurer in the past.
It seems fighting demons is a fun thing.

But here we do not need the sword.

Here is a place monster rarely come out, it is the influence of the holy lake.

Zenovia does not work next to me at the house.
At best she comes along when papa-san or Ojou-sama go outside.
That is nothing, when compared to me! HAHAAHA!

...I just noticed it now.
This guy is my rival!
This family can't support two good for nothings, not in this house! There is room, but there is not. This is for my safety. I have to think of a way to get rid of her...

Well, then let's get back to the story.

The big lake is visible from the carriage. It twinkles in the sunlight.

Under this lake. Is a huge crystal that is blessed by a saint and sun, that is the source of the holy power and the reason that nearby demons do not come out.

To swim at a holy place like this some people would normally get annoyed, but it seems papa owns all of this land so nobody cares.

I think that land that demons don't come out is a wonderful place. To own so much land just like that, my family's wealth is immeasurable.
I did it, I am a dog of a wealthy family.

But, even this swordswoman is the same somehow.

In this place with no violence, only the sword woman is vigilant, there is no demons here, the reason is because I am here.
Please focus on your job, I will not do anything.

I mean no harm, But I understand your feelings! I would be cautious as well!
Such a huge wolf, I do not when such a thing would attack.
I was wondering If I would be allowed in the carriage.

Such a thing is done to me, I feel like I'm being thrown away.
Even if you desert me it will be useless.
I will be a parasite until I die.
Do not underestimate the man who died from overwork.

I snorted and decided I would continue my pet life.

Getting back to the subject.

Two carriages ran through a road built through the forest.
The lake is not too far from the mansion.
If you run for half an hour you can get home.

I put my face out the window and enjoyed the scent in the wind.

“Gao...? (nn?)”

Blending in the smell of the tree a strange scent was found.

It is faint, but it is something I have never smelt before.

Searching for the source I moved my nose all around.

Where is. This smell comes from where?

“...You, what are you doing?”

Then I was called by zenovia who was sitting on the coach man seat.
When I looked up I saw that she was making a scary face.

Hieee?!

Eyes full of murderous intent was staring back at me.
Super scary.

I retract my head from the window in a hurry.
From the front, I heard the sound of furious sniffing.

What the heck did I do? I have not done anything!
Even now I am not doing anything, I just want to spend everyday sleeping and eating.

“what happened, Routa? Was there an insect?”

“Kwuu! (No it's not Ojousama!Zenovia is a bully! He scolded me!)”

“Eh?, is the back of your ear itchy? Here?”

“Kun Kun! (You are wrong! I should be the only good for something at home! Please kick her out! Please send such a scary woman away!)”

“are you hungry? What about your legs?”

“kuun kuuun! (oh why can I only comunicate with you like this! Oh no! Soko!
It feels so goood!)”

Ojou is familiar with my weak point, like this I cannot oppose her.
The was a pleasant 30 minutes back to the mansion.

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When we arrived at the mansion we all got off.

“Well then, because I am studying. Please wait for me! When it's over let's have dinner with everyone and then we can have a bath together!”

“Wan wan! (Roger that, ojou-sama I will wait while taking a nap!)”

Whoa, I just used [wan wan] instantly isn't that just barking like a dog?
While wagging my tail and replied in good health.

Ojou-sama waved back at me while reluctantly leaving, So I went inside with the maid.

“...Oi”

A hard voice was raised behind me.

Behind me was zenovia releasing a large amount of blood thirst.
I do not want to turn around.

“back in the wagon, I have something for you. Wait here quietly”

The woman handled the horse and left.

What are you doing?
Maybe It's some good food?
Whats going on?
What am I supposed to do?

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“Gafu Gafu! (Bones are good! So good)”

I heard the cook threw the ribs of a cow that had been dried in the sun into light oil and fried.

Not wasting food is wonderful.

The flavour seeped out and combined with the crunchiness. It was truly a jewel.

“Oi oi, Calm down eat it slowly. You really like that don't you. You”

In the corner of the kitchen I got a snack from the cook.

“Wan wan! (Ossan, It's really good! Thanks!)”

“Oh, you sound like a dog now... Or were you always a dog?”

Ha ha ha, with a smile the old man laughed and stroked my head.

When i'm being stroked like this, I don't really care about anything. More stroking please.

I think that I am a dog just like this.

I got a feeling that I am hungry, I wonder If I just going to sleep here.

I rolled on the floor, I filled my face with a fluffy tail and used it as a pillow.

“Kuu... (Good night...)”

The sound of the kitchen knife preparing food sounded around the kitchen, I feel drowsy and I embrace it.

I was slowly falling into the world of dreams.

“YOU!!!! ARE YOU HERE!!!”

Something is making a lot of noise, A female knight rushed into the kitchen.

“What were you not waiting!! I told you the Reason but, UGH”

“Ah?! Zenovia is it? What on earth do want? To be in such high spirits?”

A surprised old man, Look out of the kitchen from the back.

She was seen, then zenovia hurriedly fixed her appearance.

“Sorry for being rude. James”

“Does zenovia want a snac as well? Unfortunately there is nothing like that...”

The bone cooking old man avoided making another dish, I patted about moving towards zenovia and offered a bone.

“no no, I don't want anything like that... Sure ok then. ”

Then zenovia sat down in the corner at slowly chewed at the small rib.
There are somehow some cute things about this girl.

Chewing on the rib and lowering her head.

“That was very nice. Thank you”

When I raised my head I saw her gaze was focused on me.

“...here”

When I was thinking about walking away. Then my head was grabbed for a moment.

I was taken out the back door.

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The place was the courtyard where me and zenovia confronted each other.

“I know you are not a dog. ”

“Kyuuu”

“Is there a dog that grows this size in a month. And that face. Whoever looks will say that is a face of a wolf. First of all, i do not understand why anyone in this mansion is not worried”

“kuu?”

“...you look like you would attack someone. And if i am not here i will not stand seeing anyone here in danger”

“kuun kuun”

“Is it useless! Even if you make such a pathetic noise. The decision does not change!”

Zenovia took out her sword and raised a cry.

I wonder if that strategy is a failure.

It is said that no one can face up to a cuteness attack.

But zenovia did not fall.

I cannot rest with such a thing.

Seriousness was in her eyes.

This person is really looking to harm me.

“before i hurt you! This zenovia lionheart cuts you!”

A long sword held in the air, zenovia declared.

E, it's a lie?!

Seriously it is!

There is no need for something lie this!

Wait! Stop! I will seriously die!

I do not think about avoiding it.

With a tremendous speed, the sword was swung down.

The blade accurately came at my head.

Split right in two.

The sword.

The scream of the steel. Spinning, was the broken sword.

“...gau? (...ee?)”

“...impossible”

Zenovia is even more confused than me.

I look around, i did not see a blood stain anywhere.

Amazing! I'm intact!
I'm alive! Thank god!

“it's a lie... my sword... It was a masterpiece forged by royen...”

While muttering, zenovia fell to her knees.
Sitting down, Gazing at the broken sword.

...I understand this feeling.
Well I guess. Zenovia-chan, You got a fake. .

Poor thing.
An outrageous thing. It must have been sold under a big name.

“Something... Such a thing like that happened because of this”

As expected.
It is a pity.

It looks like Zenovia is depressed. I got greedy and raised my voice.

“Kwuun (That...)”

“Ki...!”

Eh. I was stared at.
Oh, when I look up at her face and tears are coming out.

I myself, am half crying.
I broke her sword. This woman.

“Y, You! You are not just a wolf!”

“Wan Wan (No, I'm a dog)”

“It is useless if you pretend to be a dog... It cannot be hidden any longer! Prepare yourself!”



Zenovia spun around and said so while leaving.

What an unreasonable thing.

On top of being swung at with a sword, I was also abused.

Thank you for the reward.

Shall I lick that crying face?

Chapter 3

I Barked! And Then A Beam Appeared

“E?, zenovia, is not in today?”

“Yep, she is going to the capital to buy a new sword. It seems she will not return for some time”

“I see, I wanted to play with Routa by the lake today...”

Ojou sama finished studying in the morning, with shoulders dropped lonesomely.

Yesterday, I broke a sword.
But it was not my fault.
If it did not break I would have died.

It is the consequence of one's deeds.
I cannot help but to say zamaa.
It seems like it was a fake.
It easily snapped.

After that, It was the fault of the evil female knight, but I could not understand by the end of it.
Instead I decided to be fluffy.

“We are all alone, is it useless?”

“I'm sorry, the servant who is usually the coachman is also gone for today. But by order of the master you cannot leave without a bodyguard”

Recently Ojousama has been enjoying having picnics by the side of the lake. Eating sandwiches.

Made with things like pumpkin and carrot bread. Chicken and herbs or smoked salmon. a;; sorts of things were made into sandwiches, it is also delicious.

Really, can I not eat that today. It's a shame.

“That's why. Please relax around the mansion today”

“...I understand”

Ojou gently nodded, and walked back to her room.

I bark softly and followed.

“Wan wan! (Ojou sama! are you not tired of study? I recomend a nap! a nap is the best! Let's indulge in a nap together! I will lend you this fluffy body!)”

I am a loyal dog wagging my tail as I walk, I run around Ojou sama.

“Routa, Please be quiet”

“wau? (Huh?)”

Ojou opened a window and then turned.

This mansion does not have many people for it's size.

There are no signs of life, not even a gardener.

“OK, let's go”

What on earth is she thinking.

I became speechless, Ojou sama wears a straw hat with a wide brim, and a foot is casually hung out the window.

“wa, wau! (Wait, Ojou sama!)”

“Quietly. Let's just go, the two of us. It's alright. Then we can play, and then we can come home by lunch”

Even though it will take an hour to walk.

The sunlight is also hard, I would rather sleep at home.

“Hey, let's go Rوتا. ”

But Ojou is really wanting to go.

I cannot bend her will.

Even though she is cute, she really is tomboyish.

If I bark and make noise a maid might come and the plan will be foiled. But I also would incur the wrath of Ojou sama.

If she studies all day everyday she will get stressed, going to the lake would be good the counteract this.

So then it shall be.

Ojou sama really does not do what she is told to.

“Wan wan! (Then I will come right now! But don't you think it will be impossible to get back in time for lunch)”

“Ha ha, I see. I really like Rوتا!”

“wafun... (We somehow have some sort of mutual understanding...)”

Ojou holds her hat and the hem of her skirt and jumps.

Because this is the first floor, even if you jump there is no danger.
Following, I also jump out the window.

“Now, Rوتا let's go, But quietly”

“Wan! (Okay. I'm proud of my sneaking ability)”

I sometimes steal snacks from the kitchen during the night.

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The road is surrounded by trees. One girl and one dog, a wolf actually.

“Wa, this really makes you tired”

Ojou is gasping for breath.
Well walking this far it is to be expected.
I am a dog, even if I walk long distance I won't get tired.

“Let's rest under the shadow of a tree”

“Wan! (good idea! I love breaks! but why not just give up and return?)”

“We won't go back”

“Kuun... (okay then...)”

When I lie down I became an armrest, Ojou sama then took a big breath.
Usually, A maid would serve some tea right now, But I am a dog(fake) so i can't do that.

Because I became a pillow I also slowly went to rest.

The wind that occasionally blew was cold, but comfortable.
In that way Ojou sama rested and began the even breathing of a sleeping person.

If you are worn out it obvious you would sleep.
Should I join her?

No, maybe I shouldn't.
If we do not go back before lunch It would be obvious that we slipped out.

It would be unbearable if Ojou got scolded.

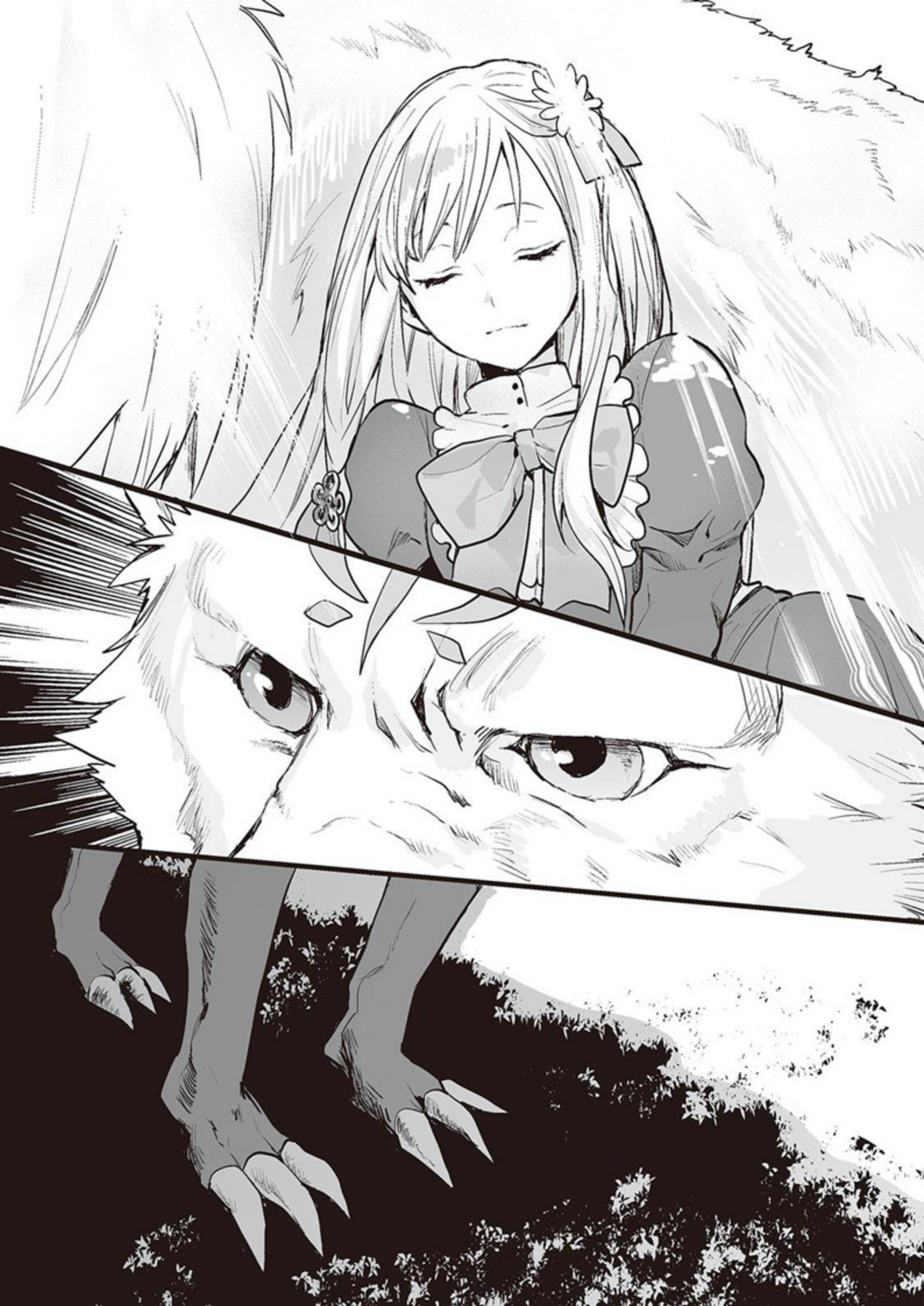
When I moved to poe at Ojou I smelt something strange.

Of course It was not her though.
She always has a nice floral scent.

“Guruu... (This smell...)”

I wrinkled my nose.
It was the same thing I smelt back of the carriage.

The smell of a beast, mud and dirt mixed together, a dirty smell.



Where does it come from... , I understand, it is from the depth.
The smell slowly became stronger.

With ears up I searched for any sounds.
When I concentrate. A chirping of a bird. Even with the rustling of the leaves I was able to distinguish it.

The origin of the smell. I was able to focus my hearing on.

“Gau... (I found it...!)”

I hear the sound where a group is walking.
The weight it light.
Though there are small footsteps there are a lot of them.
Five or six.

When I strained my ears further I heard a voice.

“Gugigi, emono”

“gegugu, Attacku”

“Woman woman, gehihi”

This is bad.
I must make decision.

A hoarse voice. It cannot be human.
Are these demons? Will we be captured I don't know.
They are coming straight here.

Fortunately the distance is still far away.
Let's make a run for it.

However, how.
Ojou want be able to get far.

Even if she is a tomboy. She is still a girl.
I don't think it would be possible to run all the way home away from these demons.

I could carry her.
No, impossible.
She is still sleeping.
It may not be possible to move her even I wake her.

I am not a horse.
Even If i pick her up. My back will shake a lot. It is possible that I would knock her off
from being too rough,

What should I do...!

“Gururu... (What should I do.)”

Ojou is still sleeping clinging to me, I do not want to wake her up. So i get away
smoothly.

I'm feeling sorry parting from her. I see her hand searching for my warmth, but she
fell back into deep sleep soon enough.

Escape successful.

If I leave Ojou as it, The demons will come after her.
But I am able to move by myself.

Where do I run away to?

In the direction of the enemy!

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If something happens to Ojou sama, I ideal pet life will end !!!
Life! Is goes with death.
But my life being spoilt just started.

It will not end now. IT WILL NOT END NOW!!
I want to have the meals every day, and the mofumofu with Ojou sama.

I was running through the forest in a dash.

The target is the group of demons.

It's only a bluff though.

Even though I am only a month old I have a scary look.

I must take advantage of it.

I suddenly dashed out towards all of the presences barking in a scary voice.

I try my best to scare them all.

Though they can kill me in a single blow, I will overlook it today.

It is the Goblins who should flee.

Such a feeling is coming to me.

I can do it, I can do it.

I can definitely do it.

Believe.

When I look at my own figure. I believe in my scary face.

Let's go ORAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

I rush out of the brush.

And I see the crowd that I found through the smell.

First is the barking.

I let go a big one.

“GAROOOOOOOOOOOOO! (I push eliminate those who try end my puppy life YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!)”

My roar echoed throughout the forest, leaves scattered, Birds flew away and many small animals fainted.

And a ray came out of my mouth and evaporated every one of the demons that was in the crowd.

I had to shut my eyes because of the dazzling light.

When I opened my eyes I could see a large path cut through all the trees.

“...(E?)”

I keep staring with a blank look.

“Wa, wau?! (What just came out of my mouth?)”

Chapter 4

I'm not even a wolf!

A beam!? When I bark with all my might I shoot out a beam?!

A pillar of intense light shot out and dug a line through the forest. The holes are all dug out smooth, I was not even burnt.

It seems I was completely isolated from it.

The demons who were inside of the beam. All disappeared like it was natural. Even if the opponent is a demon it is still a complete checkmate.

Apparently, this body is really strong.

What kind of pet life is it useful to be this strong.

I didn't want to fight or anything, I just wanted to live a lazy life and eat a lot.

A wolf would be better than this!

This is just an absolute demon.

There is no dog that shoots laser.

I didn't want to be like this damn goddess.

I just wanted to be a dog!

I'm a demon not even a wolf!

I should be a target of subjugation.

I'm a guy equivalent to a high level adventure party.

I'm the guy you make weapons from.

Redo! I want a redo!

I bark to the sky but of course there is no reply.

...this is bad.

I forgot about Ojou.

I'm making a lot of noise she should have woken by now.

I should go back soon.

But with this body of a demon such a thing is easy.

I run through the trees with wind like agility and reach Ojou sama with surprising swiftness.

“suuu... suuu...”

“Wafun (still sleeping... in spite of being my master she is bold.)”

“ufufufu... eat it all up, become big and strong... Routa...”

I thought that the laser would have been quite loud. But Ojou sama is still sleeping.

But I would be troubled if I get bigger.

I want to stop but it's impossible. Becasue the food is so delicious! it's annoying! I always eat too much!

While thinking about what today's lunch will be I peck at Ojous cheek with my nose.

“Kuuun (Ojou sama, Please get up. because there are demonds around, we should return quickly.)”

“U, uu...”

When I poke her smooth cheek a couple times, Ojou with sleepy eyes moved her body.

“uuu... Guu...”

“kun kun (please stop bragging and get up)”

Body leaning forward I put my head under her stomach.

Ojou is really bad at getting up.

“nnn...? Routaa...?”

“wan (yes yes, it's your beautiful pet, Routa!)”

“Lake...?”

“wan wan! (it's useless. The sun is already starting to set. It will be bad if we don't return soon!)”

“uuu... do disappointing...”

I support Ojou who is depressed but also tired, as we make our way home.

We Around the back , and then enter through the window.

A maid came in to call just after that, so we just made it.

There is no sign that we escaped.

Apparently the sound did no reach this far.

No commotion at all.

“wafun (Yay, mission complete!)”

I face the kitchen in a hurry.

Of course I don't run through the halls.

I am smart! Thus I am a smart puppy!

Not a demon at all.

Not a demon!

With eyes full of mud and tears I turn away from reality.

Getting closer to the kitchen the good smell slowly gets stronger.

I was led into the kitchen by this smell where I poked my head out into.

“oh, hes here already, but it's funny because there is more food for you than everyone else in the house”

Feeling relieved I waited while my food was prepared on my plate.

“customer, today's menu, is roasted rainbow trout”

The old cook pulled out a joke when giving me my food, wan! I return a bark cheerfully
And jumped at the plate.

“Gaffu gaffu! (Uwa, delicious! This is so good!)”

With every bite I felt the skin crunch and the juice and fat flows out.

A huge amount of juice comes out.

The plate also has sauce, but has reduced amount of salt, the flavour is nice and creamy.

Light and fluffy when it enter the mouth a wonderful taste is released.

“Wan wan! (Where did you find this sauce?!)”

“Wha? did you like it? this guy, it is a stock made from swamp crab, an egg and cream was added to make this sauce. It is delicious?”

“Wan wan! (It is the best! wonderful!)”

“You really like this don't you? I'm glad you like this dish”

The wrinkled and pats my head.

“I will be making omelets with the remain eggs and crab. You should look forward to it”

“Wa, wafuu... (You going to make fall in love, old man... you are too good at cooking...)”

I have forgotten everything that happened in the forest, as I was absorbed into my meal.

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“wafun! (what do I do?)”

After subduing the food, I went to lie down in the hallway to decide things about my future.

Today's lunch was very delicious but the day isn't over.

I still have to look forward to the omelettes.

No no no.

It's different.

Pull yourself together.

I have a mission, I need to know why demons appeared in the forest that surrounds

the holy lake which should spread a divine aura.

I want to go out and investigate, but right now it's useless.

Ojou sama will worry.

Usually she will study in the afternoon.

During the night I shall enter the forest.

And then It will start.

So I took a nap in preparation for the night.

Chapter 5

It is midnight when everyone was asleep.
I slipped out of bed quietly.

“Uu... Routa...?”

Ojou reacts when she could feel my warmth anymore, let her hand wander. .

It is fine. Mary Ojou sama rarely wakes up after falling asleep once. .

I move quietly, and watch ojou sama.

“Routa... Routaa... kuuu...”

As I thought, She returned back to normal every quickly.

“...kuun (the forest is not far, It will not take much time and then I can get back to being a pillow)”

I use my front legs to carefully open the window, and jumped out smoothly.

“wau... (I really shouldnt do then but, since... since i’m leaving...)”

Standing on my two back legs, I look through the kitchen window.

Inside I see oldman James with his head down on his desk.
Scattered all around him are recipes written on paper.

This old man is great.

Not only can he make great food, but the research is not neglected, working hard day and night.

He is the same as zenovia, rather than being employed, he is able to buy all the ingredients he wants and also has a place to sleep.

Is he a friend of papa?

I do not know, but he is really a good cool.

Then sleep well.

However I hope you don't catch a cold like that.

I enter through the back door of the kitchen.

And returned with a blanket in my mouth and sat it on the oldmans back.

A recipe had fallen on the ground so I also picked that up.

“...(don't get a cold, old man)”

I confirmed that the old man was deep asleep and searched through the kitchen.

“...(What, I don't need to be reserved , I should take as much as I want)”

I should take a some sausages, but how many?

I wrapped them around my neck, a long sausage necklace was formed.

After all lunch is necessary for adventures.

These homemade sausages are good.

This smoky flavour I can't get enough of it.

Though I did not eat it when I was human, blood sausage really is nice.

Inside the sausages walnuts are mixed in giving it crunch and the skin is firm so it pops and the juice pours out.

I want more.

But I need to save some.

This is a lunch box.

With the sausage wrapped around my neck I left the residence.

I confirmed that no one was around and quickly jumped over the wall.

Even though the wall is taller than a person I was easily able to jump it.

This really is a high performance body.

Even if a demon comes out I might be able to deal with it.

By running away.

Why isn't zonovia the one doing this.

Why am I investigating the demons!?

Why can't you be here zenovia!?

Why did you go to town to get a sword?

Are you dumb?! You really are!

But such a zenovia is cute, I want to lick her.

But I must do this.

It is to protect my comfortable pet life.

I will do my best.

With my high performance body.

I raise my nose and search for the smell.

The information that can be gathered from smell is great.

The trees, animals and even water.

With the large amount of smells an image is formed in my mind.

Do your best wan wan body!

I will show you the power of the dogs nose !

However there is no dog!

I search but could not find anything dangerous.

Seems as though there are no demons nearby.

The search went on peacefully.

I decided to go where I fired off the beam.

Because there are no other clues.

The night was dark and the moon was the only light.

“wan wan (umuu, a moonlit walk is quite nice)”

Because of my nap I can stay awake even though it is night.

I might do this again.

Running through the pleasant night I slowly gained speed.

Uooo~! I'm just a gust of wind.

The scenery flowed like water and i could feel the cool wind on my nose.

It reminds me of when I ran on earth.

A story of before I became a dog went through my head.

“wau! (running, and i'm having fun!)”

When I did such a thing I reached my target in no time.

“wan! (I arrived!)”

The trees are all gone just as before.

But again, there are no demons to find.

kunaunka.

“wan... (uun, a little. Should I do it?...)”

When I smell around here , there is a slight lingering scent.

“wan (should I rest a little...)”

I found a patch of young grass and sat down.

“kuun (a beautiful night sky... there are heaps of stars, and the moon shines bright. It is because the air is clean. There isn't even any houses nearby)”

Looking at the sky is the pitch black forest is nice experience.

By the way, my body can see even with no light. I can see clearly with only the light from the moon and stars.

“...(nnn? nnnnn?)”

When I looked at the moon I realised something.

“...(what is it. Wha? wow it's mura mura...!?)”

mura mura mura mura mura mura mura mura~!

What is that? What is That!

With understanding the reason I stood up.

“wau! (oi oi oi oi! Why is it so mura mura!)”

I began running through the forest with all my strength.

The trees stopped suddenly.

I reached a cliff where I could see the moon easily.

I kept running until I skidded trying to stop.

With a big breath.

“Woooooooooooooooo!!!! (Howling!, feels goooooooooood~!!)”

Chapter 6

“WauooooooooooooN!! (Howling, feel gooooooooooD!!)”

“Wauooooooooooo! wauooooooooon!! (nhoooooooooooooooo!! Sooooooooo Gooooooooood!!)”

I continued howling like this for ten minutes it was refreshing.

“Wau... (...now what do I do? Now im depressed...)”

Instead of being refreshed I got a sudden feeling of depression.
Howling in the moonlight is what a wolf does.

Should I return now?
Returning I slowly ate the leftover sausage.

What should I eat first?
spicy?
Or the blood and nuts?
The guy with garlic is also good.

From the necklace I took one and ate it.

I might of brought too much.
What if the old man is angry tomorrow.

I completely forgot my original purpose and trotted back.

Tehn.

[Wauooooooooo!]

[waaaa!]

[Wauoooooooooooooooooooo!]

Many howls returned.

Wha, what?

At the same time I could feel things coming towards me.

“Wau (E, wha!? What did I do?!)”

While confused a large amount of footsteps came towards me.
My back to a cliff I could no run.

“wa, wauwau! (Should I use the beam?! Is this it's time!?)”

Think! What do I do!

Do I go?

Should I use it?

I only need to bark don't I ?

Damn, I should have practiced!

A bush rustled and many eyes were reflected back at me.

Hiee !! they're here!

“Guru!... (I can't do anything. He who makes the first move wins. This enemy will kill without fail... I will go! I will do it!)”

I inhale and put power into my throat!

“gauroooO—”

“gagau! (wait!)”

A bark just like mine, this raises a red flag.
With that bark I understood what my partner ment.

The bush broke and out came a big figure.

A deep colour like the night. A black wolf.

Golden sharp eyes.

The physique, it's is large like me, or is it bigger.
It's coming!! it's scaryyyy!!

I could hear his tail moving, making a bun sound.
An overpowering feeling was released... this wolf, is scary...

n? isn't his appearance like mine, am I also this scary?
the people at the mansion are all too relaxed!
Well I am a good guy though.

I hate being in this position.
There is so many here.

Ha! by any chance! I'm actually in their territory?!

I did not know about the local rule!
Do i need protection money? Will i be ok?

“gauuu... (after all...! In the moonlight there is a glittering silver figure...! that is right...!
You are king here...!)”

e? What did you say? This wolf?

I do not see him being angry.
Glittering silver figure?

I look at my body then to the black wolf.

“wau?! (Are you talking to me?!)”

What is this.
I see a lot of spectators.
I am not shining that much and i'm embarrassed about my necklace of sausages...

“gaun! (king! Our king! according to the ancient pledge, The representative of all of
the demon wolf family. It is you!)”

“wau?! (faa?! king?! what pledge?!)”

“gaugau (for many generations it has been passed down, the legend of this clan. After 1000 years, on the night of a full moon the true great king Fenrir will reappear)”

No no no.

I didn't know.

I did not sign any contract like that!

It's a failure! I did not know!

“Gauuu! (The prophecy was fulfilled! King! now we throw away this forest, the humans will fall and the world will return to rules of the jungle!)”

“wauu (no well, I never heard of this)”

What is this wolf saying?

“gau gau gau gau!! (This forest has been the home of this legend for many many years. We leave the humans who set foot here, and we waited for the king! however! Now the king has reappeared! We must continue until the end! from here the rebellion will rise!!)”

“““Gaoou!! (king! king! our true king!!!)”““

Responding to the black wolf many gathered around and barked.

“Gaon! (now, let's go! The advance of our king will begin today!!)”

“wan (I refuse)”

“...gau? (...now, what...?)”

“Wan wan (I hate it. *No thank you*. I said I don't want to do it)”
(*tn: no thank you is in english*)

“ga, gau! (What?! the humans are getting fat, they burn our home, and kill for enjoyment. Such rushing. What is the reason to keep them alive—)”

“gaoon! (Silence boy! will you listen!!)”



I have a place to live. food to eat! A bath! Ojou sama!

Only a fool would not like this.

I will teach them to wonders of the humans.

“kwuuuuu... (I am sorry king! I am being vulgar but i am not the only one who feels like this...!)”

To my angry voice, the black wolf cowered with fear.
His appearance is somehow cute.

To the wolf who was cowering under his front paws I dropped the sausages.

Like this I can escape my foolish appearance.

“wan (that, try eat it)”

“gau... (so, gracious... to receive the prey of my king...!)”

“wan wan (because it is good eat it)”

“gau (I understand... excuse me)”

After being urged on the black wolf took a timid bite of a sausage.

“ga, gau...?! (th, this...?!)”

The eyes of the black wolf opened wide.

“Gau...! (A light taste of blood...! but it is not unpleasant not bad smelling, my whole body is filled with power. So intense!)”

This guy seems to have eating one with blood and nuts.
it is delicious it might be my favourite.

“Gau...! (what animal did this come from...?! such a delicious thing I have never eaten before...!)”

“wan wan (as for that. It is the prey of a human.)”

“gau?! (this is a human...?!)”

“wan wan (if you kill a human, they do not become good to eat. There is no point in killing. The best way is co existence)”

“ga, ga , gauu (wa, how foolish I was...!)”

Good good, then I'm glad you understand.

“wan wan (you all should eat, because it is delicious. Share it around)”

When the amount was spread around even though it is only a small amount everyone got to try.

Wolves flowed out of the bushes and crowded the sausage.

“Gau gau! (delicious! WOW!)”

“gau gau! (King is great! To make the humans create such things!)”

“gau gau gau! (The king has already put the humans under his control! wonderful! king is great!!)”

...huh? this is gone in the wrong the direction.

“Waooooooooooooo!! (King! We will follow you where ever you need us!)”

“waooooooooooooo! (King! king! our great king!)”

“wan wan! (A, Wait! That's not right! because i'm not the king! because i'm not a wolf i'm a dog!!)”

“Gau Gau (ha ha ha, King your joke is funny)”

“waoooooon! (I SAY I'M NOT THE KING, SO I'M NOT THE KING!!!)”

It seems these guys are all dense.

I am so convinced this is true I let out a loud bark to the sky.

Chapter 7

The Goblins Nest Appeared! And Then It Disappeared

Then all of the wolves excitement died down.

I breath in again.

“Gau gau (by the way King. if you are the high king of all wolves why do you cry like a dog?)”

“wan wan (jsut like I said before, it is because i'm a dog!)”

“gau? (ha? no no, such a joke. You are not a stupid dog who is at the feet of humans. You are the prud hearted demon wolf king fenrir—)”

“Gaon!! (Silence boy! Will you listen to me! (Second time))”

“Ga, gau! (please forgive me!)”

The black wolf suddenly curled its tail down and groveled.

Hiding behind it's paw is cute.

It is very mofu mofu. But that's not the point. .

Then.

“wan wan (Anyway, as I said before it is a bad thing to attack humans. So you should all just keep as you were before. Because then delicious things will come)”

“Gau (If it the order of the king, then we will all obey)”

It seems this guy has given up.

At Least they are not yelling [King is great]

If they follow my order then it is a good thing.

When they are cowering like they are not scary.

“wan (do you know what it is?)”

“gau? (What ?)”

“wan wan (a demon has shown up in this forest, that is why I came out tonight)”

I revealed the real reason that I came out here to these guys.

fenrir?

Isn't that a guy from north european myth?

There seems to be a similar guy here.

Probably big enough to shake the ground , scary.

Didn't he kill and eat that odin guy?

With this vague memory he must have been a scary guy.

...n?

What If I get like that?

Is it dangerous? Perhaps if it's not like that it's dangerous.

No, it won't happen, it won't happen.

I am a dog, I am a dog.

If I behave like a dog, everyone will surely be deceived!

I believe it, I will stay with everyone at the mansion.

“Gau (is it the goblins?. We eat all the demons that appear, but some might have gotten through)”

The black wolves voice actually replied.

“wan? (huh? I was told it was the blessing that was placed on this lake that was keepnig the demons away)”

“gau gau (I have not heard such a thing. According the the promise 1000 years ago, it has been us that have been keeping this forest clean of demons)”

Ojou sama has been living safely all because of these guys?

It is great they are here.

“wan wan (well that's great. To be able to do that for 1000 years...)”

“gau! (thank you for the praise, I am delighted!!)”

when the black wolf bowed all those around began to make noise.

“Gau gau! (The king praised us!)”

“gau Gau (King! Our generous king!)”

“““GauuuuuU! (king! king! king!)”““

I said it because it is true.

“Wan wan (however, even though it has been so long, why did the leakage only happen now)”

“gau... (that...)”

The black wolf hesitated.

“wan (what is it? tell me will you)”

“gau (certainly. I will tell you now. Actually do you want me to guide you?)”

“wan wan (because I want to return before morning make it quick)”

With one bark the black wolf gathered everyone and they all ran towards the forest together.

That is it though?

I run as well.

“gau (Though it is late, my name is garo, I am the leader of the only remaining wolf family)”

“wan (garo, please continue to work hard. I am Routa)”

“Gau! (To me, the only name worthy of you is King...! I cannot be honored anymore...!)”

“““Gau Gau Gau! (king! king! king!)”““

“wam... (no, please just use my name...)”

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“Gau (King, it is here)”

“Wan (this is the place where they live?)”

We hid in a bush.

From there I could easily see a cave.

Though there are no demons around I could smell a sign of them drifting from the cave.

“gau (Rather than where they are living it might be better to say it is where they come from, because they are made from the magic gathered here)”

“wan (Huh, so i am not necessarily born from a parent)”

“gau (Yes, that cave there is just a large demon)”

“wan? (E? This cave? this is a demon? Though I only see a cave)”

“Gau gau (no, this hole is alive. It is a very strong demon, it is one that extends a hole deep into the ground and makes a point where it will gather magic and spawn more demons in it's depths, it also uses magic from blood spilt to get stonger, we call these a labyrinths)”

“wan (huh, Garo is well read)”

“Gau (I am gratefull for the phraise...!)”

“wan wan (What is the problem here? you seem strong why not go in and wipe it out?)”

“Gau Gau (no, that can't be done. The labyrinth will control all the demons who enter. We are not exceptions, it can control everything that is invited. Thus this has been just an empty hole for a long time now, after all it has been under constant observation. Even now, this distance is quite dangerous. Does the king also feel it? drifting from inside, as sweet smell...)”

“wan (no, nothing at all)”

It is stinky.

It smells like a park restroom.

The smell of Ojou sama is much better it is sweet and inviting.

It is truly a wonderful smell.

I want to see Ojou again, I should return soon.

Lying by the side of Ojou and sleeping peacefully.

Ahhh.

I should finish this and return soon.

“Gau (the brain washing doesn't work...! as expected of the king...!)”

“wan (What is the solution to this problem... if I block the entrance will it be fine?)”

“Gau (If so it will probably return to normal very fast. The only way would be to destroy the crystall deep inside, it is necessary to destroy the main body)”

“wan (do you know where it is?)”

“gau (Yes, mysteriously the crystal is very close to the entrance. But right below is the labyrinth that expands in all directions like the root of a tree. It is not easy to reach)”

“wan (nnn, I understand, then you should all withdraw and wait.)”

“gau (I understand, but king it is dangerous. if you get closer...!)”

“wan wan (it's fine, I will be ok. Just leave)”

“Ga, gau (haa...)”

I put all the wolves and garo and take steps towards the entrance.

“wan (Even this is close is fine, as expected of my high level body)”

Then, I will do this now.

I sucked in a huge breath.

“GARURUOOOOOOOOO!!!! (EXCUSE ME!! JUST NOW! YOUR INSIDES! I WILL RUIN I! THAT'S GOOD ISN'T IT!!!!)”

With my roar a pillar of light left my mouth and entered the cave.

The pillar of light dug at the walls briefly and continued downwards.

When I narrowed my eyes, I could see an enormous hole, of which I could not see the bottom.

Did it reach?

How it is?

Should I do it again?

I hear a sound coming from deep inside.

The tremor grew fast and spread further.

Apparently the entire labyrinth collapsed from the inside.

When I jumped back the cave collapsed like was made of sand.

All the demons who were still alive inside got buried.

“wan ! (All right, this is done now! let's go home! I am already sleepy!)”

The wolves rush up.

“gau gau! (How...! by a single blow...! everyone will be pleased! we are the people who

has the strongest king!)"

""Gau Gau Gau! (King! King! King!)"

"wan wan (a, I understand I understand. I understand your feelings. Please scatter. I am done for today)"

I am already quite tired from all that has been going on.

If i look up the sky is already getting brighter.
If I don't run home.

"gau! (King! Thank you for this! We will all do our best to serve you!)"

"wan wan (no no it's fine.)" "

It fine if these guys don't treat me like king.

"Gau! (Please let me see you home!)"

"wan (oh dear, it's fine)"

I cut him off quickly.
If I return home everything will be fine.

Ojou sama!
Please wait for me!
Because your mofumofu pillow is coming home now.

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"Gau (King, if you ever need us we will come at your howl!)"

"wau? (nnn?)"

"Gau Gau (Nhoooooooooooooooooooo! isn't it, that's what i meant. Because it is easy to learn, I hope you know now!)"

"Gaon!! (silence child (third time))" "

Chapter 8

It came back! The female knight also came back when I thought about it

I saw off the black wolf that was reluctant to leave.

I promised to call again if there was something that I needed and parted with them.

They will also continue to work hard defending this forest.

You work, and I will stay home and eat.

It's a win-win relationship (win win is in english)

E? it's different.

Is it?

“Wafu (Aa, I became tired. No my body is tired, it is more like my mind is, The spirit is tired since it has been working for too long)”

The sky started to grow brighter, but it is still night.

Let's return quickly so I can sleep.

I thought that I was not dirty, but when I shook my body dust came off.

I returned quietly to the room of the sleeping Ojou sama.

“kuun... (I'm home...)”

I muttered so and slipped close to Ojou sama.

The bed that is warm soft and has Ojou sama is the best.

“fumyu... Routa...?”

“kun kun (Now, mary Ojou)”

“nn, your quite cold arent you?... did you go out...? it's no use you need to sleep properly at night... fuaa...”

“kuun (I understand Ojou sama. Saa saa, I am ready for a nap. gyuggyu)”

“Kuniyu... Routa is mofu mofu...”

I take a bath every day and i'm brushed.

By ojou and the maid, so ofcourse I am mofu mofu.

“...somehow... you smell of sausage... you do... Just Routa... Tricky... Kuu...”

Ojou who had her face buried in my chest, began to have the even breath of a sleeper.

“kuaaa (ahhh, I am tired as well. I will eat a lot tomorrow. Just like usually~)”

I yawn and entrust my head to the pillow and fell asleep instantly.

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“eii!”

“wan wan! (fuhhahaha, ball! it is a ball , Ojou sama!)”

I run after the ball Ojou threw and caught it in the air.

Because zonovia still hasn't come back we play in the back yard.

“wan wan! (hei hei hei! the pitcher is excited!)”

I run the Ojou sama with the ball in my mouth.

I am really happy.

My tail buzzes around.

An innocent appearance.

In every aspect a dog.

Is it not?

“Routa, Great work! So fast!”

“wan! (Woo! Throw it further!)”

“Go!! Take it!”

“wan! (fuhahahah super speed!)”

When I was running a whirlwind formed.
A laughing Ojou grabbed her skirt and hair.

“Ahahaha! Routaa! Is so Great!”

“wan wan! (Throw the ball, it's so much fun)”

I jumped up and caught the ball high in the air.

I land and quickly return.

“fu fu. Routa, is so clever!”

“wan wan! (Again again! Phraise me! pat me more!)”

With the soft hand of Ojou my head it patted.
It is a time of bliss.

“Ojou sama! The meal is ready! Please come inside!”

When I looked where the voice came from I saw the young house maid.
It's good, if it was the older one she would get mad if we didn't hurry.

“a, is it already done...? I wanted to play with Routa more”

“kuun kuun (I too wanted to play more with Ojou... However lunch is also important!
Leads read under a tree and eat! Because I can be the finest back rest)”

I run around Ojou who was looking depress and she quickly got happier.

“I understand. Then it will be lunch”

“wan! (Yes i'm pleased!)”

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“gaffu gafuu! (so good! this is so good! even though there is not much meat it's so good!)”

“is it good? It's you favourite is it? So eat it all!”

The old man is happy and patted my head.

On today's menu is quiche with bacon and vegetables.

In a pie dish cream and egg was wrapped.

Baked in the oven it became a golden brown.

It is a pie.

Even though I say it myself I don't understand.

But it is still delicious!

“wan wan! (Old man! Today's food is good. especially the spinach I can't stand to waste any of it.)”

“it is not only meat and fish, if you work hard the vegetables can also taste good. ”

“wa, wafuu!? (it's great! Old man, are there anyone who can stand next to you with such power!?)”

The perfect human?

A man who doesn't compromise anywhere.

The master chef James.

I long...

Well, It is my job to consume, I will work hard.

“Oh dear, the amount you eat increases everyday...”

The old man quickly returned to work and started dishing up some quiche.

Anything this guy makes is top quality.

I wave my tail around while waiting for more delicious food.

That time is.

“I found IT!”

While thinking I heard a voice that sounded like it came from the deepest pit of hell.

“Come!”

The voice was zenovia chan?

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Zenovia and I face each other in the court yard with no other sign of life.

Deja vu.

“I will not let it go like last time”

Saying so zenovia pulled out the sword on her waist.

“This great sword was purchase for ten times the amount of the last one! The sword forged by maszter Ganche Riu! This wil be great! I absolutely had to buy it from that merchant!”

“wan... (hee~... that's good isn't it)”

“What is with that lack of motivation...?”

This is stopping me from getting my food.

So please hurry zenovia chan.

But isn't protecting Ojou supposed to be the most important thing.

Is there any motivation?

Can I not just leave?

In this good for nothing family am I the only one who is good?

“wha, wha. The eyes...?”

“Kuuwaaasafuu”

To such a trivial thing I let out a big yawn.

I want it to be ended quickly and return.

“wan wan (anyway isn't this sword just an imitaion like the last one?, Please, just do it quickly. Because I have things to do)”

“yo, YOU...! are you mocking me...!”

“wa~an? (E? what? Am i? i wouldn't do tha t zenovia Cha~~n!)”

“GUNUNU...! I cannot stop here!”

While releasing a half cry zenovia comes at me.

And then disapears.

“wafu?! (E?! it's a lie? so fast!?)”

“HAAA!”

With a yell zenovia raised her sword.

And then the tip blurs and comes down towards my head.

“wa, wafu! (This is bad! after just a little while ago!)”

With that speed if it hits my head. It will be split in two!

The sword.

“aaaaaa...!?”

The sword flies with a hyun hyun and disappeared into a bush in the flower bed.

“wa, wafu... (Please wait a moment!...)”

What swing...

When the sword is the real thing I did not die!

Zenovia chan, so strong!

“GU, FUGU uuuuuuu...!”

There is a bibim and a pota pota, drops are falling.

When I look up Zenovia was making a face like a child.

“wam wafun? (what are you crying? Please don't!)”

“my sword, Again, why...!”

A twisted face, zenovia crying and covering her face with her hands, crying over lost of her sword.

“ku, kuun kuun (i'm sorry, but zenovia should not cry over the loss, it is only an imitation... it broke because it is an imitation!...)”

“So noisy! Do not try confort me! It is because you try to hide your true nature!”

Zenovia shakes me off and runs away.

“kuun (oh dear... well, I don't have anything to here I am a free load after all... I should I clean?...)”

Her pride is in pieces.

I pick up the pieces of the sword that was scattered around and threw them all in the bush.

Destruction of evidence complete.

Now I will return quickly, so I can continue with the meal.

Chapter 9

A cat appeared! Then we became friends

“wan wan! (Uuu, Quiche quiche!)”

I am the extremely excited dog of this house, who happens to like quiche. .

If I put enough effort into my bark a beam will come out.

That's why I came back to my plate in the kitchen.

When I arrived, I saw someone else's face in my plate.

“wan?! (Uhoo! Intuder?!)”

“Nya~n? (Arraa? Is this your meal?)”

The intruder who had their face in my food looked up after my presence was known.

This cat.

It was a cat with bright red hair that looked quite beautiful.

Is it common to have this colour hair in this world?

Shining eyes that make me think <emerald>.

This red cat turned towards me licking it's lips.

“Nya~ the things you eat are quite nice. It smells so good I couldn't stop myself...)”

“wa, wan! (my quiche!)”

I was looking forward to that!

So mean! So mean!

I did not think if I left I would lose everything, but I come back to see someone else's

head shoved into my food.

“Nyaa~ fufu, thank you for the food)”

The red cat strangely swung its tail.

So cute!

I want to pat it and rub it's cheeks.

This guy has serious mofu power.

But I will not be deceived!

“Wan Wan! (You will not be forgiven even if you apologize! Return! Return it! My lunch! Quiche! The quiche I looked forward to!)”

I wan wan barked and dan dan stomped my foot in front of the cat.

“Nyaa~ Nyaa~ (Wait wait. I apologize for eating without permission. I'm sorry. Therefore I will also bring you something delicious. Will you allow it?)”

“Wan wan (···Ee?. Cat you? since you say delicious it will not be a rat right?)”

“Nyaa~ (so rude. It will be a truly good cake, I have absolute confidence in it!)”

“Wan... (A cake?...)”

“Nya~ (Huh, do you dislike sweets?)”

“Wan! (I love them!)”

However, will it be a cake made by a cat?

It's a mystery.

I mean where did this cake come from?

Is this a clean looking homeless cat, or is it an elegant one?

“Nyaa~ (Huh? you seem very excited, kind of strange)”

The emerald eyes were narrowed and focused on me.

“Wa, wafun! (wh, what!? It's not stange! dog! I am a dog! I am obviously a dog)”

“Nyaa~ (no, even if you say that it doesn't look like it's true... oh well it's fine. Me and you, we are kind of the same. Why don't you be my friend?)”

“Wafun (Friend?!)”

A friend? So sudden!

I have not had a friend for a long time.

Though I get along with Garo, it's more like he is an employee or something.

“Wan (I guess it's fine... if you are fine with it? getting along with a dog?)”

“Nyaa~ (huh? I want to be your friend that has nothing to do with it. But I am no a cat!)”

Not a cat?

Though red hair is strange, all I see is a cat.

“Nyaa~ (I will introduce myself! I am a witch of the forest ferutoberuku. I am hekate ruru arusu. Nice you meet you.)”

Introducing themselves the cat bowed gracefully.

A witch.

Since when?

After demons, I found a witch.

“.....”

I observed the cat and noticed.

Ahh, I understand.

This fellow.

Is a painful child.

A self proclaimed witch, that is a cat.

I understand.

“Wan (I am Rوتا. The pet of this house and a dog)”

“Nyaa (I don't understand why you emphasize dog so much... Rوتا. Fu fu, even the name is interesting. My best regards, Rوتا kun)”

The red cat hekate jumped easily to a nearby tree.
A splendid move that looked weightless.

“Nya~ (then, let's meet again. Rوتا kun)”

With a mysterious laugh and a smile the cat hekate disappeared in a poof of smoke.

“Wafun! (gh , ghost!?)”

A cake making witch cat that is also a ghost?
So many attributes.

I have become this strange cats friend.

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It is the middle of night.

I was sleeping just like normal with Ojou sama next to me, in the window I see the beautiful moon.

But there is no desire to howl.
That is only for a full moon.

But I see strange lights in the distance.

“Wafu... (That room? Is it papa's study?)”

It is usual for him to be up at this time.
Shall we go say hello?
Is he busy working? I have not seen him for some time.

Then I shall go after a long time apart.

I do not mind even if it a man doing the mofu.

I slipped from the arm of Ojousama who was clinging to me and snuck out of the room without making a sound.

When it is this late I may still run into a maid.

I would usually steal some sausages but now they are being carefully watched and guarded.

Let leave it for now.

I advanced through the hallways and climbed the stairs to the second floor.
Take a right up ahead and it will be Papa's study.

"Kuun Kuun (Papa, are you there?)"

Papa came out immediately after I pon pon the door with my foot.

"Oh, Routa is it that you also cannot sleep?"

The cheeks of papa are slightly red.

I smelt alcohol as well.

A drink with dinner?

"It's fine come in"

Papa's study is full of books.

He likes to read.

What does he do for work? I do not know.

"Do you also drink?"

Papa then took a gorgeous glass down from the shelf.

The cork was popped of the bottle that was on the table and was poured into the glass.
An amber liquid came out and filled the glass.

"Here, try it"

It don't think it is a good idea to let papa fed alcohol to an animal.

But I will drink!

I am not a dog!

Even though I am a dog!

The glass of amber liquid was set on the ground and I started to lick it up.

“Wafu~... (So good... What is this... This is so good, 10 000x better than the one that my boss treated me to in Ginza...)”

A super luxury drink.

It's not wrong to say that.

I slowly drink the amber liquor.

“do you want anything else? Want some snacks? Though it was made before james went to sleep”

I smelt the thing that was put in front of me with a kun kun.

With that came the fragrance of honey and cheese.

It was a warmed cheese covered in white mold.

When moved it jiggles and looks like something's going to spill out.

Honey is poured over that lavishly and pepper is ground on top to accent the flavour.

I understood before eating.

That this would be a good thing.

“wan! (Let's eat!)”

I slit up the cheese and pulled it into my mouth with my tongue.

“Wafu~! (so sweeeeeeeet! It's so sweeeeeet! The pepper that comes in afterwards makes it so good! UHIYOOOOO!!)”

I was in heaven with this taste.

With the flavour of the cheese still in my mouth I licked at the brown liquor.

“Wafuu... (what is this... I want more... Paradise?... is this paradise?...)”

“ku ku, recently there has been no one to drink with me. I'm glad you came, Routa”

Papa had a tired smile on his face while he also reached for the amber liquor.

“it was some time ago but a loud roar was heard from the forest in the middle of the night”

Papa muttered so.

“wagu (It was noticed?!)”

I was about to spit out the liquor because of the surprise.

“however, no one else heard, I don't know if it really happened. But I still worry a little”

“Wa, wan (Is that so. It's mysterious...)”

I is probably that.

When the beam destroyed the labyrinth. Not only the beam but when all the caves collapsed was also very loud.

“since then I have not heard anything else... Routa do you know anything?”

“wa, wafun? (ahh , kinda...)”

“ .. ”

“ .. ”

We both stared at each other and papa entrusted his body to the backrest of the chair.

“hahahaha, what did you say?”

With a hand on his head papa laughed a lot.

“it can't be because of you? It seems that I am quite tired. After all you could never make such a sound. It's all my imagination. If I drink this I might just sleep soon”

“wa, wan wan (tha, that's right! That is right! You should sleep! If you sleep everything will be forgotten!)”

I have been the one that sobered up instead of papa.

After enjoying the liquor and the cheese the light was turned of and we separated.

But in the end the amount of food was not enough so I snuck into the kitchen and stole some.

Chapter 10

I called a friend and was taken!

Currently I am in Ojou's bed with my head being held.

"Routa. Do you know why i'm angry?"

Even if I were to turn away I could not escape.

It isn't because I was held tightly.

It is because my spirit is weak.

"no, please understand. You are smart"

James is nearby.

Angry, by every meaning he is angry.

Scary! More scary than zenovia!

"wa, wafun (wha, what is it?! I don't know at all?!)"

"You smelling of ham is the biggest evidence! to break into the cabinet and eat all of the preserved meats! there is still three days until it will be refilled from town!"

I didn't know there was such a thing.

"the quality of food the master and Ojou will get is going to drop, I want to feed everyone. Of course that is you too! Everyone is hungry but I feed them!"

"wa, wafu (old, man...!)"

Is so cool.

Very cool.

I might fall in love. Rather I have fully fallen in love!

"therefore"

The old man laughed while my head was beaten with a pon pon.

“You will get the meat”

“wan? (…huh?)”

“by the way, this is your breakfast today”

“wafuu?! (E?! just this?!)”

The amount on the plate was small, only a mouth full.

“There are only a few ingredients. The amount you eat late at night has been too much. The amount was less than expected. I intended to do something with all that meat, but you ate it last night. There are vegetables. There is wheat too. But no meat. ”

The Old man had a closed fist pressed against my chest.

“take the consequences if you are a man. If you want to eat more, find it yourself. When you bring it to me I will cook it. Bring anything. You can do it. Regain your wild instinct”

“wan wan! (no no no no ! impossible impossible impossible impossible! there was never in wildness in this pet who was once human! there has never been a time when I was wild)”

“Go fight! Routa! Go until you find food! this is no joke! You will not eat tonight! you will go hungry!”

“Kiyaiiiin!! (EE?! You wont eat?! If you say something like that I can do nothing but go! I HATE IT!!!)”

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“Take care! catch something big and bring it back!”

“Wafu~... (I will...)”

I was seen off with a wave, but my tail did not move.

I left the mansion with my head low being pushed by the eyes of the old man.

“kuun (haa, how could this be... How could I be sent out to hunt...)”

I kept walk without power and then looked up.

“wan! (Ahh, it is so! In such a time I should call out to those guys!)”

I had forgotten about my strong ally.
The professional hunters.

“Waooooooooo! (Garo! Garo chan! where are you?! Come here!)”

I raise my head high and let out a howl.

“Gau (ha, here I am!)”

Behind me a black wolf appeared.

“Wafu?! (Howa?!)”

When!?

“wan wan! (So fast! How did you get here so fast!)”

“Gau (I have always waited for King to get back so I was always prepared)”

Is this a stalker?

“wan wan! (You got here so fast, you suprised me with your scary face)”

“Ga, Gau... (Sc, scary?...)”

To my casual remark Garo seemed to hit very hard, and now looks quite sad.

“Gau Gau! (Inspite of fear! King!)”

One of the wolves who was behind Garo came forward.

“Gau Gau! (I am Baru! King! Garo here is the most beautiful of our family, our princess! To say such words to a lady...!)”

“Gau (it's fine baru. King, I apologize for the impoliteness. To show an ugly face there is no excuse)”

“wan? (Ee?, Garo. you were female?!)”

“Gafu (wau...!)”

Unable to stand anymore Garo fell to the ground.

“Gauuuu! (Your mageeeesty! This is too much! to say such things!)”

Baru spoke up and tried to protect Garo.

“Gau Gau! (no where on this planet is a wolf that is to the same standard and Garo sama)”

Is that so?

Garo turned away after such was said.

When I saw that form I got a feeling of a gentle being.

“wan (Even if you say that, I cannot distinguish between your faces...)”

“Gauuuu! (Your mageesty!)”

Saliva was flung and baru flew into a frenzy.

It's dirty.

“wan (no no, it's because, I , am not an animal...)”

“Gau? (A, nim, al...?)”

“...Gau... Gau... (It's fine. It is all fine, Baru. King, I'm sorry for showing you such a unsightly figure. It won't happen again, please accept my humble appology...)”

Yoro yoro Garo who is now standing bowed.

“Wa Wan Wan (Ah, no, It is my fault. It was bad. I not understand beauty. I did not inted to speak i'll of you... Im sorry, Garo)”

“Gau... (no no such a thing. I must appologize aswell)”

Was my apology accepted? Garo has raised her head and is sitting in front of me again.

“Gau (It is fine King. What is it that you need of us)”

“Wan (no, well I kinda. It's embarrassing but I have a small favour to ask of you)”

I was embarrassed talking like this to garo.

“Gau (do you want us to leave the forest and invade the land of man finaly?!)”

“Wan Wan! (no it's not! it's different! it is very diferent! I do not want that to happen!)”

“Gau... (is that right?...)”

Why does she seem disappointed?

These guys are dangerous.

“Wan (actually, though It is an imputdent request...)”

“Gau (Yes)”

“Wan Wan (for a moment, can you help me with hunting? can you hunt for I who has never hunted? in place of me)”

I trust that wolves would be able to do such a thing easily.

This is the perfect plan that I thought up.

Reliance upon others is my creed!

“Gau...! (ah, oh...! it's spended!)”

Garo raised an impressed voice.

“Gau Gau! (everybody everybody! Rejoice! The king has said he will guide us all in a

hunt!)"

"Wan?! (E?!)"

No no no ! did you hear what I said?
It is for you to hunt and for me to eat!
Is this it?!

""GAU GAU GAU! (KING! KING! IT IS OUR STRONG KING!)""

The number of wolves kept increasing without me knowing.

"Wa, wan?! (E?! wa?! wait!)"

"Gau (King here. In fact a troublesome demon has appeared. It was good timing. Please let us all see the strength of our King!)"

"wan!? (Garos?! Garo chan?! are you angry?! Are you really angry?!)"

"Gau Gau (no no no, there is no such thing. To be angry at the king no such disrespectful thing will be done!)"

"Wan wan (no but, ... I feel that you are angry?)"

"Gau (no, I do not feel angry at all. I merely want to see the brave figure of our king)"

"Wan wan! (it's a lie! You are really angry because of what I said earlier!)"

I do not like this, this guy is definitely holding a grudge.

"Gau (now king let's go! We will all do our best!)"

"kiyaiiiiin !! (I don't want tooooo! I don't want to fight against the scary demon ! !)"

Being partly dragged I was taken by the wolves.

Chapter 11

I went hunting! and then there it was!

“FUGOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!”

The forest shook.

Even the trees are no match for the giant figure that is running.

Trees exploded and scattered everywhere and the grass and flowers were trampled and crushed.

It was a huge cannonball of meat.

“Gau... (This seems like it would be a good target to eat)”

All the wolves lick their lips at the sight.

Is this their reaction to seeing such a disastrous scene.

It seems that Garo has no sense of danger.

“BURURURURU!!”

Steam erupted from it's nose when the lump of flesh shook its head.

The chips of wood that were stuck in it's fur flew off.

It is one huge boar.

Its weight must be close to one tonne.

Four tusks jut out of its jaw all longer than a sword.

Its eyes were red filled with rage, it was totally insane, it ran over a creek and attacked some wolves.

It is seriously big.

Though I am also considerably large it was still much bigger than me.

It is the size of a small house.

Such a large mass moving and high speed.
A nightmarish spectacle.
If it were to hit any wolf they would certainly break.

“Gau (Just don't get hit and you will be fine)”

As garo said that the wolves showed no hesitation in jumping in.
They surrounded the wild boar keeping a constant distance barking at it to try
provoke it.

Even though the boar charges in anger the wolves easily evade it by jumping to the
side.
Instead a trail of broken trees are made.

I feel relieved that no one got hurt but the easy destruction of the trees is a bit scary.
If this continues for much longer this will just become a clear plot of land.

“Wan Wan (But how will we take this one down?)”

It seems there are no wolves who have taken damage, but the large body of the boar
hasn't even lost a hair.

“Gau Gau (This kind of demon is quite tough but it is also very aggressive, Because we
can keep running with out sleep all we need to do is keep running for three days and
then this guy will become exhausted and will fall and that is when we can attack its
throat and then it will suffocate)”

“Wan (huh. Are you serious...)”

This is bad.
There is no mercy.
Everything will die if it can't breath.

They provoke it at a constant distance so It will never leave.

It is like children juggling balls but with a giant boar.

“Gau (Is it alright if it takes the entire day to kill it?)”

These guys.
Professionals.
Professional hunters.

“Gau (Then, King)”

“Wa Wan (ye, yes?!)”

“Gau (Please!)”

what?!

“Gau! (everyone open a way! His magesty the king will strike down this demon!)”

Reacting to the voice of Garo the wolves surrounding the boar all scattered.

The wolves form two lines leaving a straight path to the boar and our gazes meet.

“Gau! (This oversized pig that is not worthy of being called demon! Rejoice! for his majesty the king will destroy it!)”

Wait wait wait please? Garo?! Garo chan!?
Why do you do it even more?

It is already angry!
It is already scratching at the ground with its front foot preparing to dash.

“Gau (every thing is prepare, King. please go ahead)”

Such an absurd thing.

I feel as though this is revenge for earlier, but when I look into Garos eyes they are filled only with respect.
Then I will try my best to take down this boar, from the bottom of my heart.

But I do not need to be entrusted such thing.
I'm full of doubt! I doubt my strength.
Please help me!

I will seriously go splat!
This is really different from Zenobia's fake sword.

It's strange!
Absolutely strange!
All I wanted to do was live in peace and be spoilt.
Why am I hunting such a monster!

I want to go home!
I want to go home, I want to eat, I want to sleep all day!
However there is no food!

Garo might replace me if I asked but that is impossible now, what are they thinking, putting me against this for my first time.

But now it is too late.
I might fall down from being too hungry at any moment now.

I need to kill this guy and take him home.
Then have it become delicious with old man James' cooking.

I can do nothing but fight.
Fear is meaningless.

This guy is not frightening.
It is just meat, it is just a pile of meat.

Imagine it.
If this were to be cooked up it will be the best!

It could be roasted, it could be fried, boiled, it can become the ultimate dish.
This could make so many nice dishes.

My mouth is overflowing, I can't stop it.

I want it, I want to eat it.
It will be so good.
Appetite over fear!

Go, my body! I will show this guy my finisher!

“FUGOOOOOOOOOOO!!”

Was my ambition felt? It is charging at me now.
A large cloud of dust is raised.

Then we will face each other I will not move.
I locked my feet into the ground and leaned forward.

Let's go! Pile of meat!
I will kill without fail.

“Garoon... (Small beam!)”

Let me explain.
I can produce a small beam when I bark with a voice that is calmer, through trial and error I tamed the beam that would make everything disappear and made into something I could control and use to strike down a target.

My goal is the meat and I do not wish for it all disappear.
So please just die meat.

With the small roar the narrow beam came out of my mouth.

A small beam of light expanded and struck the boar, but it did not even struggle getting through it.

“PUGI?!”

The boars knee folded.
It fell, its large figure grinded across the ground and stopped in front of me.

“wa, wafun (I, I did it)”

“Gaooooo! (A splended ability! As expected of our a king!)”

Garo raised a war cry and a shout of joy.

“““Gau! Gau! Gau! Gau! (KING! KING! KING!)”““

Surrounding wolves praised me as usual.

But there is no time for that.

“Wan Wan! (Oh! We need to hurry! There is no time!)”

“Gau? (there is no time, what on earth do you mean?)”

Garro tilted her head and blankly looked at me. Its cute.

“Wan Wan! (I said before I was sent out to hunt by the old man!)”

[do you understand Rوتا. Bring it to me once you catch it. If the blood is not dealt with after killing It will become stinky. Do you want to eat something tasty?]

Yes, I want to eat something tasty!

However it is something really big.

Can I drag it?

“Gau (who is this old man, is it the one who saw off king... then we could carry it)”

Since Garo suggested I nodded.

“Gau! (everyone, by instruction of the king! We will carry this prey!)”

“““GAU! (HA!)”““

Everyone slipped under the body of the boar and all at once stood up together.

“Wan! (oh, so wonderful!)”

When everyone put in effort together the boar was lifted easily.

“Gau! (I will go! Full speed! We will meet the kings expectation!)”

““Gaoooooooo!”““

With all the wolves with the catch on the back me crossed through the forest like the wind.

Chapter 12

The catch was taken home!

Then the witch showed up!

“wha, wha, WHAT IS THAT?!”

Old man James looked up at the mountainous wild boar and raised a surprised cry.

As soon as he left the back door he came to face with this.

I have a feeling he wet his pants.

“Routa did you really catch this, I never knew you were able to do this”

“Wan wan! (I did! It’s incredible isn’t it !)”

I bark proudly next to the wild boar.

But Garo was the one who organised this.

The only thing I did was vomit out a beam.

“to be able to knock this down... even if it was a rabbit it would have been fine...”

He pats my head while he looks at the boar.

“Gau! (YOU! To touch the king’s head so thoughtlessly! Such disrespect!!)”

I seem to have spoken too early.

Garo who was hiding behind the boar came out.

“what!?”

“wan! (there is a change of schedule. You, everyone come out!!)”

Answering my voice all the wolves lined up.

The number, 15.

The scene of strong looking wolves lined up was a grand sight.

“haa?! What is happening?! Surely , the wol-----”

Now everyone!

Do as we practice on the way back!

Let's go!

“““Ga, wan wan!”“““

“...huh, it's just some dog...”

The surprise oldman wiped the sweat of his forehead.

I did it!

I took a victory pose inside my head.

James seems to be in good health.

But he was deceived.

“These guys, are they your friends Rوتا?”

“Wan wan! (Yes! I hunted with them all!)”

“is that so. Such a big thing was taken down by all of you”

He approaches the wolves who had all lined up.

“Gau! (Ga, Garo-sama! Please go back! Don't try touch the princess human!)”

Before Garo's head could be pet, the brown wolf Baru stepped in.

“wan wan! (OI! Baru! Stop! Behave yourself!)”

“Ga, Gau... (ki, King... certainly, I understand)”

After hearing what I said Baru’s ears folded and his head was hung down.

“oh, what? Do you want to be patted as well?”

The old man squats down in front of Baru.

And his massive hand is put on the head of Baru.

Through Baru wanted to respond he didn't move because of my order.

“Ga, Gau... (I the soldier of a high demon wolf family...! Such a humiliation...! Ki, Kill!)”

“oh, there there. You worked well. You did great”

“Ga, Gauu (pl, please stop...! Without the order from the king, you would be dead...! To have such a thing done to me by a human...! YOU , YOU... Afaaaaaaaaaa...)”

Beginning at the head and moving to the cheeks Baru was rubbed until he let out a sound of surrender and melted.

The first time being pet.

Have you awoken to the glory of Mofu mofu?

“however, it’s the first time I have seen a boar like this. Could it be, it's a demon...?”

The old man stood up , touched the fur and raised a voice of doubt.

“and so many dogs... Where did you come from? Do you live in the forest?”

He is lost in thought.

Damn.

Though I put in so much effort he is doubting us again.

If this is reported to Papa or Zenovia then it will be troublesome.

“ahh, it’s fine”

I heard a charming womans voice.

From where? It was from a woman wearing a wide pointed hat that was standing next to the old man.

Long silver hair and pointed ears, gives off the aura of a witch.

“Ah, oh...! Oh it’s just hekate. Is it that time already?”

Her sudden appearance changed the way he was acting, perhaps they knew each other.

Like he was agreeing to something the old man was nodding his head.

Nn? Hekate? Did I not hear this before...?

“These children are my friends. Therefore, you need not to worry”

“Ah, these familiars are you friends? Then it is fine”

“Gau Gau! (Who, who is a freind! And we are not familiars either! It is a witch!)”

Garo barks with open hatred.

Is garo perhaps this person's acquaintance.

Though their relation seems bad.

“Wan (Who is this? This person)”

Standing next to Garo I spoke in a quiet voice.

“Gau (It is a witch who is a long living elf that lives in the forest. She build a house without permission and then settled down... even though we tried our best to make her leave...)”

“Wan (Were you defeated?)”

“Gau! (NO! We never lose! However this witch uses a suspicious magic. I am always confused by it...)”

“Wan (Hmmm. I don't really get it. If they live here. All this land is owned by papa)”

As the family dog, I must move naturally in the same direction as papa and defend him.

“Ga, Gau! (Such a thing! King!)”

“Wan (Don't be stingy. It is a wide place. It is the old man's acquaintance, if the population rises by one or two it shouldn't matter right? This is my decision)”

“Gau... (then, if it is the kings will it is fine...)”

Garo approved with a hung head.

I am sorry to ask such a selfish thing.

I will return with something soon.

But why is Garo so hostile with this person, they don't seem bad to me.

And they seem like they came to help us.

However she looks quite beautiful with those emerald green eyes.

I imagined those eyes with a mischievous smile and a wink.

Nn? Nnnn? These eyes, have I not seen them before...

“These are the familiars. And as for this boar...”

To the old man's doubt the witch answered smoothly.

“is an animal that was mutated by concentrated magic, you should get used to it. Becuase things like this can happen often”

“huh, so this thing is a demon...? Though I have never heard of a demon coming out of

this forest, should I report this matter..”

“that is fine because these children always exterminate them. I was told by Gandolf”

“Oh, so the forest is safe because of you?”

He pats Baru’s head while give out praise.

“Ga, Gau... (St, stop that already...)”

It looks like the mofumofu is too much for Baru and he is trying to escape.

“hmmm, I did not expect to get so much meat all at once. Can we actually eat this demon...?”

“there is no bad effect. Because the magic is all connected to the soul, once the soul leaves the body all that is left behind is a regular animal”

To the old man who worries the witch guaranteed it was fine.

“In that case, I should just face it as a challenge for a chef... Since it is here I will gladly take it”

When he folded his arms my eyes shot open wide.

“alright, You! Give me a hand! You cannot just eat the wild animal you must cook it and then it will become delicious!”

Yahooo!

The Old man is really the best.

Chapter 13

A wild boar is eaten!

It will take some time until the sun will be directly above.

There is soft light coming through the leaves of the trees and a faint sound of a stream is heard.

“Alright should I dismantle it here?”

The old man pulled a cart full of cook ware down to a riverbank.

Then the wolves brought down the large body of the wild boar.

We are at a small river not far from the house.

The catch was too large so we could not butcher it in the kitchen.

Here we have plenty of water and we are hidden from the house so that the large amount of demon wolves cannot be seen.

But thinking of the people in the mansion I feel it would be bad to be seen.

So we must remain hidden from sight!

It would surely become a great fight if Zenovia chan saw this.

“hmm, With so much blood it must have been hard to move, it has been some time since the heart stopped, I wonder how I should handle this...”

The old man scratched his temple embarrassed.

Hanging such a big thing from a tree is impossible.

“oh, you could hang it over here ? ”

Hekate poised a question.

“Well, I wonder. It might be a good idea”

“How about this”

Hekate raised her metallic cane into the air.

When the big gem shone the wild boars gigantic figure lifted off the ground and floated in the air as if it was held by an invisible hand.

Wow! Magic is great!

Hanging head to the ground.

The wild boar is hung in the air just like it would be from a tree.

“how about this?”

“This is great! As expected of a witch!”

It is indeed great but would it not have been better to have done that from the start.

All the wolves put in a lot of effort to bring it here.

“no no. This is a very hard thing to do, so please deal with it quickly. I would hate to tire”

Like she's reading my mind Hekate replied.

Then hekate placed her cane into the ground and came to sit next to me.

I observed with glances to my side.

A regular nose. Long ears. Silver hair. Erotic aura.

I don't remember meeting anyone like this before.

Surely this is the first meeting, but I have seen someone like this before.

A smile which is mischievous like a cat.

Nn? Huh? Could it be this person is...

“didn't I say I was not a cat? Rوتا kun”

“Wan!? (Ee, you, could it be...! That time...!)”

“finally you notice, but I'm a bit sad you did no realise earlier. I put in so much effort to make a friend”

“Wan Wan (No, Because. You were seriously that cat?!)”

I thought it was a delusional cat that thought it was a witch.

Was it the real thing?

If this is the true form, how did she transform into a cat?

“its strange isn't it. But I will reveal the trick later. ”

With that said we both watched as the knife was pushed into the large boar.

As the blood vessel in the fat neck was cut blood gushed out of the cut.

Then it falls into a large dish, will this be used for cooking?

“Normally it is gutted after bleeding, but since I am in a hurry I will do it at the same time. ”

As that was being said the knife was placed at the top and the run down right to the neck.

Through the hard skin and fur of the boar the knife cut easily.

Such great sharpness.

It might be sharper than Zenovia chan's fake swords.

All of the guts were cut out and then pulled from the belly.

A bright red liver, deep blue lungs a black kidney and white intestines.

All the organs were taken out.

The eyes of the wolves watching were restless.

They are hungry eyes.

It is because offal is the best treat in the world.

But I need to wait for now. Endure.

The best dish will need to wait. Endure.

"The fur is valuable. So now I need to pull it off"

Now that the insides are empty. The fur is now pulled off.

With wonderful skill the fur was peeled top to bottom.

Though the blade would usually dull passing through so much fat, it was guided through easily with an expert hand.

Going all around the body cutting, the fur was removed neatly.

"I do not need this, so I sell it to a leather working friend, and return with food"

Then the fur was thrown to the side.

"now is the real show"

The wild boar that has been skinned now looks slippery and white.

It is a wild boar but gives the feeling of a pig.

First is removing the rib,

They were all carefully pulled one by one and collected in one place.

The wolves all stared at the collection of food but all stayed because they were ordered to wait until given permission to eat.

The work continued, until it reached the part where the spine is cut into three, then I reached my limit.

“...(No, already, I do not want to see anymore. Gore is bad for my stomach)”

It is coming...

The meat is becoming a block.

To see such a show I am happy.

“Fu Fu, it was splendid”

I was not the only one to enjoy it.

When I looked at Hekate she was ecstatic looking at the knife.

On the other side all the wolves were drooling.

Oi, proud hearted demon wolves should not be wagging their tails like that.

I did not find all of it entertaining, but these guys enjoyed every bit.

I am the refined pet that sleeps in the day until work ends.

Please wake me when it is complete.

While I was sleeping the progress continued and after 30 minutes the huge boar was in pieces. “now it is complete, with this much the house will be good for some time...”

It must be nearly one tonne.

A huge amount of meat.

A literal mountain was formed.

“Because you caught it you should should take some, how about half of it smoked?”

That is a good idea.

Smoked meat is really good.

Smoked back meat was seriously good.

It was melt in you mouth good.

It left you feeling refreshed after eating it.

But this is the meat of a demon.

If you smoke this, what kind of taste will it have?

I'm looking forward to it.

However I must endure it for now.

Old man! Please serve dinner early!

“I think this meat would be good if it was cooked slowly for three days, can you wait that long?”

“““Gau gau gau gau ! ! “““

When they were asked the surrounding wolves jumped up and barked.

They all became restless.

They are all dogs.

“Then I will just cook it simply. That should be fine”

Saying so he returned to the kitchen range and return with a big iron pan.

“because this meat is hard. I will thinly cut and cook a lot of it. Sirloin rose peach. It

will cook fast. ”

“...Gokuri (I'm seriously excited~~)”

Roast meat Wooohooooo!

Uhyo! Routa loves roast meat!!

The old man slices piece after piece.

The meat made a sizzling sound of fat melting as soon as it hit the pan.

The wolves who have not seen such a display before all watched with their eyes wide open.

Everyone is dripping so much.

The meat dances on the pan and a delicious aroma spread around.

The crispy meat was placed on a plate and the tower grew fast.

“““Gau Gau!”“““

“not yet it is still too early to eat. But it will not take long to finish from here. ”

In front of hungry wolves the kitchen knife was taken.

And then used to cut open a large wheel of cheese.

Then the hard cheese was warmed and began to melt.

The cheese bubbled and melting then the knife was pulled through it and then it was dripped atop the tower of meat.

A golden coat for the tower.

Wonderful!

More calories for the already high calorie meal.

We are spoiled with such a great menu.

Its at a totally unhealthy level.

But that is good!

The smell of meat was thick, the fragrance was being spread the instant it was put on the pan,

The eyes of the wolves were all impatient.

Tongues were out and there was panting,

Even when hunted there was no one looking like that.

I don't think they can endure much longer I feel like they will die in agony soon.

“Alright, have a try of this!”

The instant that permission was given the wolves shoved their hungry faces into the tower.

I thought it would be hot, but since it is thin it cooled down quickly.

“““Gau Gau Gau! (Delicious! Great! Humans are great!)”““

The wolves went crazy over the meat and cheese they had tasted for the first time.

“Gau! (Yo, YOU! Why are you eating when our king has not had a single bite! Baru you too, what are you doing!)”

Though Garo shouted nobody responded.

I understand.

Infront of this guy's food previous rank does not matter.

It is fine, eat until you hearts content.

“Wan Wan! (Please old man! Please bring more meat!)”

“Why is the black one not eating? Is it a lewd one?”

No, its different.

Its because I'm not a beast.

“Ga, Gau (Hu, human... How vulgar... How could I, with King...)”

Garo shamefully shook her tail.

“Wan (No, its because Garo is good. But you should eat.)”

Though I'm near my limit I have done my best to endure.

From the same plate as Garo I ate the meat and chese.

“Wan! (This is...?!)”

This delicious meal!

The overflowing taste of wild meat, and the wonderful sweetness of the cheese.

It is a simple dish, but it is simply delicious.

“Gau...! (Th, this...! This mysterious meat given to me by the King...! No, it cannot be beaten...!)”

This meal is too delicious it is making Garo crazy.

The previous anxiety is gone and now she is tearing up the meat.

Hekate has stayed still since the start.

I looked at her wondering why.

“very delicious”

She was already eating since awhile ago.

Rather, eating before us.

Even the cheese without permission.

The happy form with cheese overflowing in her mouth reminds me of the red cat.

The witch is also a glutton.

Because it is a person who will eat someone else's quiche from their plate, that is natural.

Now that lunch is complete it looks like everyone's stomach is about to explode.

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“WHAT IS THIS !!?”

After that the demon meat was carried into the house and made even more noise.

Chapter 14

A lily?! And then sickness!

I was restless.

In front of Ojou's room I was useless.

"Hekate sensei"

"What is it Mary?"

"I'm ticklish"

"Oh your ticklish? What about this!"

"Aha stop~! Sensei is mean!"

Sitting outside the door I could hear the conversation of Hekate the witch and Mary Ojou sama.

What on earth is going on inside.

My mind is full of delusions.

Similarly papa is also restless next to me.

He is a different kind of restless next to me.

"Because the medical examination is over, you may enter"

As soon as those words were said papa burst through the door.

I to stepped through fast.

Right behind papa.

Sitting down on a chair opposite Mary Ojou is Hekate.

There is also a maid who is tending to the clothes of Ojousama.

“Ho, how is it! Hekate sensei! My daughters! My daughters sickness!”

“Settle down, Gandolf”

Papa clung close to Hekate and questioned her.

Ee? Sickness?

Ojou sama is sick?

“It is not that bad but she should have a high temperature for up to one month”

“Really?...”

Papa looked sad and slumped his shoulders.

Ojou sama will be in bed for a whole month?

Isn't that really bad.

“Take this medicine three times a day after meals”

From a bag Hekate brought out a bottle with a bright blue liquid in it and handed to a maid.

“If you get plenty of rest you will get better in no time at all”

The house maid received the medicine from Hekate, bowed and the left.

From the way that people around the house react to Hekate I feel as though she is really respected.

Even the great papa is defeated.

Aren't you just an old gluttonous witch?

The reason for being called sensei is that she is a doctor.

“Hekate sensei. Though the reason for you visit is for something like this, I am happy I get to see you every day”

“Oh, I am honoured”

Even though papa seems depressed Ojou sama is very happy.

“Then I would like to introduce Sensei to my new family member, Routa”

Ah, she noticed.

I ran up to Ojousama with short steps.

“I already knew. I have already became friends with Routa”

“Eee? You knew? I was going to surprise you! Becoming friends before being introduced, Routa you are such a play boy!”

Eee?! Its a misunderstanding!

Its a misunderstanding Ojou sama!

Ojou sama will always be the best!

“Tsu~n”

Ojou puffed up her cheeks and pouted.

“Kyuun Kyuun! (AWAWA! Believe me! Hey!! Routa loves Ojou sama!)”

Looking at me who was trying to snuggle up to Ojou, Hekate let out a mischievous laugh.



“See you later. Routa looks like he really like Mary”

“Fu fu. I also love Routa. I’m sorry for being mean”

Ojou hugged me tightly.

It’s so warm, and its so soft and such a nice smell.

A euphoric feeling ran over me.

I had gotten impatient.

Because Ojou sama is good at teasing.

I put up with it, because I am Routa and it my duty because I am Ojou’s pet.

But that duty is also to live a comfortable and lazy life sleeping and eating all day.

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“Sick for one week?... but the delivery of ingredients went well so it should be fine”

Old man James heard the report from a maid and let out a sigh of relief.

This is a cool dark place underground.

Even though it is summer a cool air flows around.

I do not know how.

It might be a magic tool.

Just like the fire in the kitchen, if it runs on magic it would be quite convenient.

Though I have never actually left the mansion so I do not know much about this kind of stuff.

Watching Hekate was my first experience with magic.

“is it finally over?”

The last piece of meat was hung in the freezer.

Bound tightly in a cloth boiled and then sprayed with distilled liquor is left to hang and mature.

“These meat will one day become a true gem. But I still need to make a high energy menu”

Now that he is done, a recipe was beginning to be formed in his head.

Getting back to the subject.

Ojou sama has gotten mysteriously sick as announced before.

Something like hay fever.
But I do not understand well.

Currently Ojou is fine.
She played with me in the garden earlier.

It was said she may have a fever up to a month then she would be let out of study.
But until then it will be as normal.

But it is serious.

Do your best Ojou sama.
Stay in school.
But I will never study.
I will enjoy the pet life forever.

“Nya~n (Ara? Here you are. I was looking for you)”

After leaving the old man I went to take a nap under a tree, and then a cat was heard.

When I opened one eye and looked up I spotted a red cat with a basket.

“Wan (Hekate? Didn’t you go to have tea with papa?)”

“Nya~n (Did I?)”

“wan (Haa? Well I guess you are here)”

What is happening?

Is there some sort of problem?

“Nya~n (As I promised you th other day. I have come with a cake.)”

“Wan (Ah, if its like that then)”

You were honest and brought a cake with you.

A good guy Hekate.

Then that is what is in the basket.

“Nya~n (Just wait a little. I will prepare it now)”

Hekate pulled out the wrapped contents of the basket and set it in front of me.

On its own the wrapping moved and untied itself.

Many things danced around, tea was warmed and in no time a table was set.

Living table ware.

“Wan (Wow!)”

Im sorry for saying you were a fake witch.

“Nya~n (it is still too early to be suprised)”

A big round pie came out of the basket next.

The mesh like cap was cooked to a beautiful light brown.

It looked very crispy and the fragrance of butter tickled my nose.

Although I ate a lot this morning I became hungry again.

“Nya~n (Here it is)”

A knife then came and cut the pie into pieces.

A deep red fruit began to spill out.

“Wan (Is this raspberry?)”

Opposing the quiche with a pie, quite a move.

“Nya~n (Then this is finished)”

Finally a bottle and an egg came out.

The glass bottle was filled with a white liquid.

The eggs was broken and poured into the bottle.

Then it was mixed.

As it was mixed it was also frozen.

“Wan (What is this!?)”

“Nya~n (its cream you know)”

Is it Ice cream?

The soft cream was then divided and place atop the raspberry pie.

So good! It looks so good.

“Nya~n (Now, please)”

“Wan! (Let’s eat!)”

When I bit into it, it crunched loudly.

The pie crust was not inferior to the Quiche, and the acidity of the raspberry complemented the sweet ice cream.

I did not know you could make such a delicious dish with ice.

Because it was stirred strongly it got a nice fluffy texture and the flavour of cream extended to my entire tongue.

Such a good pie. Such sweet ice-cream.

This duo attacks my tongue.

Such a shock I have never had such a good desert.

“Nya~n (How was it? Did you like it?)”

“Wan wan! (is there any more? It is great, Hekate! Very delicious! Thank you!)”

“Nya~n (Fufu, Don't mention it. I am pleased to hear you like it.)”

“Wan wan! (Then lets eat together! I want to share this with Ojou sama!)”

Ojou is also a big fan of sweet things.

It is a waste to monopolize it.

“Nya~n (Without worry. There is enough for everyone. I only wanted Routa to be the first one to try)”

Such a nice thing to say.

But also preparing enough for everyone is a nice thing aswell.

I thought Hekate was only lewd and a glutton but she is also a nice witch.

“Nya~n (Then I will share this pie with this child)”

“Wan? (Child?)”

Who is this child.

There is only the bright red car in front of me.

“Nya~N (Fu fu, did you really think I was a cat?)”

Hekate narrowed her emerald eyes, and then fell asleep suddenly.

“Wan! (What happened? Are you asleep? Are you an infant who got tired after playing to much?)”

There was no reply and I begun worrying.

I tried to wake Hekate up again by poking her red head with my nose.

“Kunya~n (Nnnn, Master is my duty over?)”

The red car stretched out.
It changed the way it talks.

“Wa, wan (Hey. what happened?)”

“Nya? (Huh?)”

My eyes met with the red cat.
The colour of the eyes changed from emerald green to blue.

“Nya, Nua (Hii... Hii...)”

“wan? (What happened to you so suddenly?)”

“Ginyaaaaaaaaa! (Noooooooo!!! Don’t eat! don’t kill! Don’t violate!!)”

HUH?!

Violate what?
Dont say such a threatening thing.

Before I could explain the red cat jumped straight up and ran away.

“Wan... (What just happened... This will be wasted if not eaten)”

I forgot about the cat that ran off and went to enjoy the pie.

Chapter 15

You Came Back! Then a Bath Soon After That!

“Nya—... (Sorry about what I did earlier...)”

By the time I was just about to finish the pie, the red cat came back.

“Wan (Uh, I already ate most of it. Do you still want to eat the last bite?)”

“Nya~n (Ah, it’s alright. Don’t mind me. We still have a lot of samples to dispo— I mean to eat after all)”

“Wan (Ah, is that so? Then i’ll go right ahead)”

I took the remaining ice cream and pie and stuffed my cheeks with it.

munch munch.

Un—, it was tasty until the end.

Licking the ice cream around my mouth, I continued to savor the aftertaste.

While I did that, the red cat just patiently waited.

“Wan (And so? Who are you? You’re not Hecate right?)”

Even I can understand that much.

The color of her eyes turned blue and the way she spoke changed. And more than anything else, I thought it was weird how she only got frightened now after looking at my face all this time.

“Nya— (Forgive me for the late introduction. I am called Nafra, the witch of Feltberg Forest’s number one familiar... number one familiar nya)”

Why did you just correct yourself?

“Nya— (No, uhm, I was told by master that I don’t act like a cat at all so I thought it would be better to act a bit more like a cat I guess)”

Well, you already look like a cat though.

I don’t think adding [nya] to the end of your sentences would change anything.

I wonder why. Was Hecate troubled that she didn’t really act in character?

“Wan wan (No, well, I don’t think that kind of change is necessary though. I’m Routa. Nice to meet you, Nafra)”

“Nya— (Yes. Please treat me well, Routa-sama nya)”

“Wan (No need to add sama. Just call me normally)”

Just like Garo and the others whenever their stomachs get filled.

“Nya—(Routa-san it is then. And also, I did something really rude to you a while ago nya. Er, your face was suddenly in front of me so I got surprised...)”

“Wan (It’s alright. Don’t worry about it)”

Even I who owns this face almost wet myself with how scary it is when I looked at myself in the mirror. To be honest, if it’s just the face then it’s even scarier than Garo’s. Why don’t any of the humans in this estate get scared when they look at me I wonder?

“Wan wan (Anyway, how is Nafra any different from a normal cat?)”

She called herself a familiar but, I wonder how they’re different?

“Nya—n (Yes, I am a <Homunculus> created by master nya. To be honest, I’m just training inside this cat’s corpse. A real homunculus would look a bit different)”

“Wan (A homunculus?! Another fantasy-like term appeared again huh...)”

I’m meeting something that’s a product of Hecate’s magic in front of my eyes. This might be late but I’m just experiencing the sensation of being brought to another world right now.

“Wan (By the way, which part of you is different from a normal cat?)”

“Nya—n (Uhm, let’s see. I am considerably smarter than a regular cat, I can somewhat use magic, and I can also become master’s eyes and ears. Oh and also, if it’s just something like getting my neck cut then I won’t die from that”

“Wan!? (S-scary! What’s up with that!? That’s really scary!)”

“Nya— (Ah, do you want to see it? Blood may come flying out though so I don’t really recommend it)”

“Wan wan! (It’s fine! You don’t have to! That’s even scarier compared to my face!”

“Nyaa (Is that so? I think that Routa-san’s face is more befitting to be called that though)”

“Wan wan (Hahaha, you bastard...)” ¹.

I’ll just let that pass...

“Nya— (Routa-san, my master speaks fondly of you nya)”

“Wafu? (Eh? Did that person say anything to you?)”

“Nya— (She said that your face’s scariness is inversely proportional to how gentle you are and that she is glad to have become friends with you. Because of that, even though it was unlike her, she made those sweets in high spirits. It was the first time I saw master like that nya)”

“W-wan (I-it would have been fine to leave the scary face part out you know...)”

It’s starting to bother me after all.

I’m afraid of what they would do if everyone in this mansion finds out my true identity.

“Nya— (Up until we departed she was so lively it was starting to get disgusting nya. So unsightly, really inappropriate)”

“Who is it that’s unsightly I wonder~?”

Behind Nafra who was complaining, she suddenly appeared.

“Gi-ginyaa!? (M-master!?! Since when have you been there!?)”

“I just arrived but did you forget? No matter where you are, I can hear everything you say”

“Migiya! (I-it can’t be! That’s a violation of a cat’s rights nya! Even familiars have a need for privacy nya!)”

“Oh shut it. A familiar who talks about her master behind her back doesn’t deserve any privacy”

“Ginya—n! (I don’t want to get scoldeeeeeeeed!)”

Using her magic, Hecate made Nafra float upside down in the air.

As she did that while looking all sadistic, she used magic to clear up the plates that I used to eat as well.

“I wonder how I should punish you today”

“Nya—nya—! (Noooooooooooo! I don’t want to be put inside a weird monster agaiiiiiin!)”

So this is something that’s just normal for you huh...

Nothing I can do about that. I’m just an ordinary dog after all.

Namu Namu.

“As for your punishment, I sentence you to a bath!”

A bath sentence?

What kind of terrifying torture is that?

“Ginya—! Ginya—! (Noo—! I don’t want a bath—!)”

“You haven’t taken one in three days, right? If you are calling yourself my familiar then you should at least maintain a neat appearance”

Ah, it was just a normal bath.

“Wan (And so, that’s the reason why we came to the bath)”

That was everything that happened until now!

This mansion has three baths of different sizes. Right now, I’m in the largest one.

It’s a really wide bath that could fit tens of persons even if they entered it all at once. It’s not used as often as expected but they went all out since Hecate is here today.

The wet smell of the steam is getting me into the mood of taking a bath.
A bath is one of the three great luxuries of a Japanese person after all!
As for the other two, it’s the after bath beer and watching baseball!
Uwa, I have the luxuries of an old man...

“It’s been a while since we used the large bath, right Routa?”

“Wan wan! (That’s right! Is it okay if I swim!)”

“Ufufu. Let’s compete okay~”

While naked, Ojou-sama ran towards the bath.

“Aa, Ojou-sama, please wait! Take care you don’t slip!”

Ojou-sama’s attendant, the ara ara ufufu maid, chased after her with a towel wrapped around her body.

“Stop being a sore loser Nafra. I, myself, am offering to wash every nook and cranny of your body. You should be thankful~”

“Migya—! (Mercy! Have mercy on me master!)”

While generously exposing her captivating erofu... I mean elf body, Hecate and Nafra entered the bath.

“Oi, there’s still somebody behind you so hurry up and go”

The person who called out behind me was Zenovia-chan.

Having her bronze copper hair tied behind her back gives a somewhat refreshing look. Even though she has a toned swordsman's body, she has breasts that don't lose out to Hecate's.

With her faintly defined abs, rather than a swordsman, she's more like a model.

Ha—, what a sight for sore eyes.

If I was still a human, I would've had a nosebleed and fainted right then and there. Being a cute puppy has its benefits as well. Gehehe.

“Oi, if you do anything weird to Ojou-sama, i'll twist your neck off”

Was what she whispered in a low, chilling voice.

Ha-ha-ha. Zenovia-chan's killing intent is overflowing today as well.

...it's making me want to cry.

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“Routa, so fast”

“Wan wan! (Uoooooooo! High-speed dog paddle!)”

～大浴場でお嬢様と大はしゃぎ～

「ロウタはヤー！」

全力でメアリお嬢様を
楽しませる。

それだけが
この駄犬に課せられた
使命よ！



While Ojou-sama was clinging to my neck, I was swimming wildly in the large bath.

“Amazing, amazing! Ahahahaha!”

“Wan wan! (Fuhahaha! I won’t out lose to those run of the mill attractions you can just find anywhere!)”

Mary ojou-sama was totally enjoying herself.

If it’s only that much then you can entrust it to this mutt.

“Fuu. Now that i’ve enjoyed a good sweat, shall I move on to my fun time now?”

While wiping the bead-like droplets of water on her skin, Hecate sat on the bench next to the bucket filled with ice that was installed inside of this bathroom.

“Hey Nafra, don’t just lie there. Help me out over here”

“M-mii... (I-it’s impossible...)”

After getting thoroughly washed, Nafra laid flat by Hecate’s feet like a melted mochi.

“It can’t be helped. Zenovia-chan, come over here—”

“H-ha! Do you mean me!”

Because she was called, Zenovia-chan vigorously stood up from inside the bath.

Oh, does that mean that Zenovia-chan has been ruined by Hecate as well?

With a stiff body of a new recruit, she started walking awkwardly towards Hecate and stood upright in front of her.

“Not there, over here. Shall we drink together?”

While saying that, she tapped the couch seat next to her and took out a bottle that was covered by the ice from the bucket.

“Haa!? Th-that’s the head of the house’s treasured wine...! Furthermore, it’s the one engraved with Roma’s sovereign seal and was produced in 1685, the so-called once in a century good year...!”

“Ufufu, I took it”

As if it were her lover, she rubbed her cheeks against the wine bottle.

“Y-you took it!? W-wouldn’t that be a problem...!?”

“It’s fine, it’s fine”

It’s fine you say?

If I remember correctly, that’s the one that papa-san was saving to enjoy at a later date.

I even saw him put it in a wine cellar and lock it with a key.

You can probably buy a house or something with that...

“I’m sure Gandolf wouldn’t get mad about such a thing”

“No, uhm, that is, but still...!”

Well, he might not get mad but he’ll secretly cry by himself you know? Poor papa-san.

“Now now. Come on”

While Zenovia-chan was faltering, Hecate pulled out the cork out of the bottle.

Then, she took two wine glasses and poured the ruby colored alcohol into them.

“Ah... to pour in that much...”

“Kanpa—i”

clink.

With that sound, Hecate emptied contents of the glass into her mouth.

“Phew, delicious. Here you go, Zenovia-chan. You drink too. Don’t worry about it. You can just say that it was me who forced you to drink it”

“H-haa... well then”

She probably figured that it would be rude if she kept on refusing more than that.

Preparing herself, Zenovia-chan took a sip of the wine and held it in her mouth.

“Th-this is...! What a profound taste...!”

Zenovia-chan’s eyes opened wide and she stared at the wine glass.

“It has a strong aroma that makes you think of the large flowers of summer and gives off a cool feeling that’s as if droplets of water sliding off an icicle is going down your throat. A lush and decadent flavor fills your mouth as if to expel any bitter taste out to your nose”

Are you a sommelier or something?
Thank you for that beautifully worded review.

How nice...
I also want to drink wine.

“Ah, Routa. Where are you going?”

While bringing along Mary-ojousama who was hugging my neck, I got out of the bath and wandered my way towards Hecate.

“Ara, so you came after all. I heard from Gandolf that you’re a heavy drinker, Routa-kun”

Tsk, she saw through me.
If that’s the case then this makes it quicker.

“Wan wan! (Please! Please let me take a sip of the wine that’s so expensive, you could buy ten of me!)”

“Ufufu. What should I do I wonder?”

“Wan wan! (Should I show you my belly!? Do you want me to go on all fours, run around three times and bark?!)” ².

“That wouldn’t really be interesting, would it?”

Hecate thought about it for a bit then showed an impish smile on her face.

“Fufufu...”

Hecate tilted her own glass and the wine started dripping on to her arm.

The ruby-colored droplets then ran along her arm to her wrist then to her fingertips.

“Here you go. Lick”

“Grr... wan! (Y-you bastard! Are you making fun of me! Who do you think you are to make me do something like that! If that’s how it’s going to be then I suppose I’ll lick it!)”

I guess it’s settled then. I’ll lick it!

Thanks for the treat!

lick lick.

In our circles, this can be considered as a reward you know?

lick lick lick lick.

Uwa, super tasty...!

It certainly deserves Zenovia-chan’s high praise.

“Do you want more~?”

Hecate crossed her captivating legs and let out a sadistic laugh.

Uwaa, what a terrifying smile.

That’s just like what you expect an extremely sadistic person would do.

I’ll still lick it though!

I’ll continue to lick it until your fingers swell though!



“Muu...”

Seeing that exchange, Mary-ojousama started pouting.

Ah, crap. I must’ve displeased the Ojou-sama.

That may be the case but I can’t separate myself from this wine!

It’s absolutely not because I got too into this S & M play this witch started okay!

lick lick!

“Only Routa is unfair. I want to drink wine too desu”

Ah, that’s what you’re upset about?

“This wine might be a bit too strong for Mary-chan. We also have your illness to worry about so you’ll just have to settle for this”

After saying that, Hecate took something else from the ice bucket. It wasn’t wine though but a small bottle filled with pink liquid.

Looking closely, there’s a lot of petals submerged at the bottom.

“These here is the product of seeping the roses I’m raising in syrup. It has a really good smell so why don’t you try drinking it”

After pouring a little of that thick rose syrup into a glass, she slowly added in cold water.

To finish it off, she took one of the red rose petals and placed it on top. With that, she created a beautiful looking drink.

“Waa, how pretty... And it also smells really good”

“Right? Don’t worry about the looks, try drinking it”

Urged by Hecate, Ojou-sama drank it in one go.

At that moment, the flushed cheeks that she got from the bath brilliantly popped out.

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“Nn! It’s really sweet and invigorating! Thank you sensei!”

“You’re welcome. How about you Miranda-chan? If it’s this then there’s no problem if

you drink it right?"

Hecate called out to the maid-san who was waiting at the back.

Ah, Zenovia-chan's a guest but maid-san is still in the middle of work so I guess she can't drink alcohol.

"Thank you very much, Hecate-sama"

Receiving that rose drink, the ara ara ufufu maid-san smiled.

And with that, I finally found out what maid-san's name is.

Miranda-san right?

I'll remember it.

While Ojou-sama and the others are sitting on the couch, drinks in hand while engaging in lively conversation, there's a dog who's single-mindedly licking a witch's finger and a cat who's lying on the floor like a mochi.

Chapter 16

A Mutt's Life! But it was Actually a Loyal Dog's Life!

Five days have passed since then and as Hecate said, Mary-ojousama got a fever.

It's just that, her condition was even worse than how I thought it would be. Everyone else was taking it lightly so I thought for sure that it wouldn't be anything serious.

But that was a huge mistake.

Everyone is now staying in Mary-ojousama's room to take care of her. The sun has already sunk halfway so a fleeting orange light that was shining through the window.

The next morning, Ojou-sama's condition got even worse. She can no longer stand and was just lying in bed breathing heavily like she was in pain. She has an ice pack on her head and in her armpits but it's not really having any effect.

"Is she taking her medicine properly?"

Hecate is currently holding ojou-sama's hand to check her pulse.

"Yes. She always takes the prescribed amount ever after meals"

Miranda-san the maid replied to her.

"Really? Then, if her fever gets any worse, add this to the medicines she's taking"

Hecate took a small bottle filled with red liquid from inside of her bag and poured it into a small glass container.

"Mary-chan, can you sit up?"

"...yes, Hecate-sensei..."

As she was trying to get her trembling body up, a large hand supported Ojou-sama's back.

"Father, thank you..."

"Umu umu, just take it slowly"

While papa-san was supporting her back, ojou-sama got up.
Does her swollen throat hurt? Even though it's not that much, Ojou-sama is having trouble swallowing the medicine.

"*cough* ... *cough*..."

"Good job. Well then, you should lie down now. You'll feel even better soon"

She was gently laid on the bed and the ice pack put back on her head.

"Ku—n ku—n (Ojou-sama, are you okay...?)"

With my tail lifelessly hanging behind me, I was anxious as I stayed by Ojou-sama's side.

Everyone is acting like this is just something ordinary so you might think that it's not much but it seems like it's extremely painful for Ojou-sama.
I've caught the flu before but it wasn't anything like this.

As I was sniffing her, Ojou-sama placed her slender fingers on my head.
If she was her usual self then she would energetically pat my head but right now, her hands were frail.

"I'm alright Routa... I'm going to get better quickly so... let's play in the lake again...
Next time, let's go together with Hecate-sensei..."



Ojou-sama's sweet voice became hoarse and it's making it difficult to understand her.

"Ara, that makes me happy. I'll have to make sweets again, won't I?"

"fufu... , sensei's handmade sweets, I'm really looking forward to it..."

That joke that Hecate said out of nowhere caused Ojou-sama to smile for a moment then the hand that was stroking my head slipped and fell down.

"Ku—n! (O-oujou-sama!)"

"You can relax. She's just asleep because of the medicine"

Hecate breathed out a sigh of relief as she placed Ojou-sama's arm back into the futon.

What's this? You panicked as well, didn't you?

"I think her fever should go down after a while so give her a healthy meal and let her take her medicines when she wakes up. Don't forget to make sure she drinks plenty of fluids as well. Until then, it will probably be unpleasant for her so you should also wipe off her sweat from time to time. This red liquid is a strong medicine so you should only let her take this once a day, twice at most. And there should be at least six hours in between doses"

"Yes, certainly. As you will"

After receiving Hecate's rapid-fire instructions, Miranda-san respectfully bowed to her.

"He-hecate-sensei! My daughter! Is my daughter going to be alright!? Isn't her condition this time much worse than it usually is?!"

While looking like he's in even more pain than Ojou-sama, papa-san who was watching his daughter's sleeping face clung on to Hecate.

"Be quiet Gandolf. You're in front of a sick person. Your body is the only thing that got bigger, isn't it? Everything else has stayed the same. Your splendid mustache is going to cry you know?"

“Uu, but still. But still...”

“It’s alright. If she gets some rest, I’m sure that she’ll get better in about a month. This happens every year, you understand that right?”

“Ye-yes...”

Looking at him like that, my respect for papa-san keeps on dropping and it can’t be stopped.

Seeing the usually stern papa-san like this, as expected, it’s hard not to get disappointed.

Well, no matter what world it is, a father gets like this when it comes to his daughter. As an act of kindness, I’ll just pretend that I haven’t seen anything.

At any rate, Hecate, how old are you really?

It seems like she knows papa-san from his youth. You might not be able to tell from her appearance but it seems like she’s considerably older than how she looks.

She’s an elf so that should have probably been obvious.

“Routa-kun?”

Wha!? A smiling Hecate is looking down on me!

Just smiling quietly like that’s really scary!

“Ku—n ku—n (H-hey, Hecate. I have something I want to ask you. Is that alright?)”

With the way I splendidly handled that, I got Hecate to stop pursuing the topic.

“I’ll head downstairs for a bit okay? Gandolf, you shouldn’t push yourself as well. Make sure you take a proper rest”

While I was wondering if I was able to convey my intention, Hecate left her seat. Then I casually went after her.

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Moving away from the public eye, we came to the courtyard and sat by the shade of a tree.

Looking up, since it's going to be evening soon, a gloomy sky could be seen. The violet sunset sky letting gave off a lonely feel and the cold night air is already starting to creep in.

"So, you wanted to ask me something? Well, I can already tell what it is even if you don't say anything though"

"Wan wan (Yeah, that's right. I can clearly see that Hecate's a really amazing witch and doctor so I know that it may be presumptuous of me to state my opinion as an amateur but...)"

"You want something that can improve Mary-chan's condition even by just a bit right?"

Completing my sentence for me, Hecate tilted her head as she looked at me.

"Wan (Yeah...)"

If there's something like that then she would have probably used it a long time ago. Even I think that it was a stupid question to ask.

However, I'll just endure it.

I know that you can't just find something like that anywhere but I just had to ask.

Too bad.

It seems like I also did something that was unlike me.

I can't really say anything about how papa-san acted earlier now.

"Wan wan(Sorry, I said something stupid. Just forget about it. I'm sure that there's nothing convenient like that that's just lying around)"

"There is one you know?"

"Wafu!? (Really!? Wait, really?!)"

Because of my surprise, I had to ask twice.

"I guess I should explain from the beginning"

Hecate waved her wand around in the air then a light stayed at the area that her wand passed through and just like drawing something in the ground.

“The medicine that was used just now is just something that treats the symptoms. It may specialize in maintaining her physical constitution and treating her fever but it doesn’t have the effect of curing the cause of her illness”

“Wan (Fumu fumu...)”

“Her fit in itself would only last for about a month but during that time, the only thing we can do is give her basic treatment... at least with what we have on hand”

“Wan (Huh? On hand?)”

“Yeah. I can make something that can be considered a miracle drug but only if I have a lot of the ingredients needed”

So for short, as long as she has the ingredients, she can make a medicine that’s even more effective than that?

“Drachen Nichts Grass” *[TL: The original text just has the kanji for dragon, zero, and grass. I just thought that sounded better than dragon zero grass...]*

“Wan? (Drachen Nichts Grass?)”

“It’s something that only grows inside a dragon’s lair, an elusive medicinal plant. I myself have only come into contact with that ingredient twice. It loses effectiveness the dryer it gets but even so, it would still be befitting of being called a miracle drug if we made something with that”

“Wan wan (Let’s ask papa-san then...)”

This family has an impressive amount of assets you know?
If we tell that to papa-san then I’m sure that he can get his hands on some.

“That’s not something that you typically find on the market. An adventurer who could face a dragon, there hasn’t been one like that recently. Even if we submit a request to the guild, something like that might be difficult to obtain. It’s also likely that we’ll receive a fake item as well”

“Wan (gumumu...)”

Dragon, huh.

Something like that would be really strong, wouldn't it?

Moreover, nobody even knows where to find one.

“H-o-w-e-v-e-r”

“Wau? (However?)”

“Compared to ancient times, this vast forest doesn't get any trespassers anymore. If that's the case, could it be that there's a rare dragon residing there somewhere?”

While unnaturally crossing her hands and pushing her index finger to her cheek, Hecate said like she was playing dumb.

“...Ku—n (Are you perhaps telling me to look for it?)”

“Fufu. But that's impossible for an ordinary pet dog, right? Just for an ordinary pet dog though”

Hecate gave me a suggestive smile as she coquettishly played with my ear using her fingers.

“I should get back soon. I already told you the information so how you use it is up to you. You don't have to worry though since Mary-chan's condition would always go back to normal within a month. That I can guarantee”

Hecate stood up, brushed off the fallen leaves on her thighs and went back inside.

“...ku (Fumu...)”

Left all alone under the shade of the tree, I started contemplating.

My goal is—.

to spend my life living a dog's pet life.

If it's dangerous then I absolutely don't want to do it. I don't like scary and painful

things.

In the first place, I already vowed never to work again.
No to being a corporate slave. No to manual labor.

I want to spend my time eating delicious things, sleep as much as I want and living an eternal slacker's everyday life.

That's all.

Really, that's all of it.

"...(That's why—)"

There's no reason for me not to go look for it.

I'm not having an enjoyable pet's life at all if Ojou-sama is in pain.

I can only lead a dog's life if I'm by Mary-ojousama's side after all.

"Wan! (I'll be back before you know it so until then, farewell, MAI HAUSU!)"

D-don't misunderstand.

This isn't just for the sake of Ojou-sama, this is so that I can maintain my way of life.

Chapter 17

Asking for directions!

Then an Increase by 1 Person Soon After That!

After leaving the mansion, the first thing that I did once I stepped into the forest—

“Awooooooooooooooooooo!! (Garoemooooooooooooooooon! Help meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!)”

—was to call for help.

On top of a cliff, towards the moonlit night, I let out a loud howl to call for Garo.

Fu, laugh if you want.

Relying on others to get things done is my motto!

In the first place, I don't know where to find the dragon's lair. Heck, I don't even know what this Drachen Nicht Grass looks like.

From the way Hecate said it, you could probably what it is just from looking at it but still.

“Gau (Yes, here I am!)”

Hearing my howl, Garo immediately came.

“Wan (Garoemooooon!)”

“Grr? (Yes!... emon? King, I don't mean to be rude but, what does 'emooooon' mean?)”

“Wan (No, never mind that)”

Right there, I wanted her to say [Geez, Routa-kun. There's no helping you is there? Is Zenovia-chan being mean to you again?].

Well, that may be asking for too much.

“Wan (Rather than that, why are you that far away? You can get even closer you know?)”

If it was like before then she would have appeared behind me all of a sudden but right now, Garo’s at a distance where I’m not really sure if my voice is reaching her or not.

“Grr... (Haa... No, but still...)”

Could it be that she’s still bothered about that scary face thing?

I’m deeply sorry about that.

I thought that you were male.

I don’t really know how to tell the difference between a male and female wolf after all.

“Wan (Sorry. I take back all that I said that time. And in the first place, even my face scares me so really, my bad)”

“Gau (N-not at all! His majesty’s countenance is very striking! I-it’s, it’s c-c-cool...)”

Even though she said that bashfully, it doesn’t make my heart go *kyun* you know?

That’s because I’m not into furrries after all.

However, if I take that in a mofumofu way then you get maximum points.

I’m just jealous of that same mofumofu aspect.

“Gau (Never mind that my king, what business do you have with me today?... could it be!? Is it about our take over of the humans after all...!)”

“Wan... (No, it’s not about that...)”

Do you really want to take over the humans that much?

You won’t get any more sausages if you do you know?

“Wan (There’s just something I want to ask Garo)”

“Gauu (Yes. Ask away!)”

“Wan (Do you know where I can find a dragon?)”

Since Garo and the others are protecting every nook and cranny in this forest, they might know something about a dragon.

That’s the reason why I called for Garo.

Say what you like but I can't just loiter around aimlessly inside the forest like that. I'll just tire myself out after all.

"Gau (Dragon...?)"

Garo thought about it for a bit and then she suddenly raised her head as if something came to mind.

"Gau (I haven't actually met any but I've heard stories about them from my mother)"

Oooh, I was definitely right to count on Garo.
She seems to have an idea where the dragon's lair is.

Garo pointed her nose towards the north.
In that direction, you could see silhouettes of mountains covered by dark clouds.

"Gau gau (Can you see it from here? At the northern outskirts of the forest, by the foot of the sacred mountain, there's a waterfall. Behind that large waterfall sleeps a blue dragon who has lived ever since the olden times. Or at least that's what I heard from my bedtime stories)"

"Wan (Really? But still, that place is pretty far from here isn't it?)"

"Gau (Yes. Even with our legs, we would still need three days to cover that distance. But if it's the king then I'm sure that cutting the travel time in half would be child's play for you)"

Don't say something unreasonable.
Aside from the fact that I can shoot out a beam from my mouth, I'm pretty much just your ordinary wolf... I mean dog.

Leaving Garo's overestimation of me aside, now that I have a destination, all I have to do is head there.

"Wan (Well, as they say, I should strike while the iron is hot so, I guess I'm off)"

"Gau! (Then let me be your attendant! Please give me the honor of hunting the dragon with you!)"

“Wan (No I’m not hunting it okay? I’m just going to quietly sneak in and steal some of the medicinal plants there)”

If, while I’m sneaking in, the dragon finds me and the dragon is too strong for me to do anything, then I’m not kidding, I would just run away at full strength with my tail between my legs.

That would be the smartest thing to do in that situation.

And if I’m just going to escape then I’m probably better off going by myself.

“Gauu! (But still, it’s dangerous to go alone...!)”

“Wan wan (I’m telling you, it’s fine. I’ll be back before you know it. You should just wait for my return)”

“Gau... (...I-I beg your pardon. It was imprudent of me to try and change the king’s mind...!)”

Showing her fear and respect, Garo prostrated herself before me.

Oops, did the [Just keep quiet young padawan] treatment go too far? ¹.

While I was troubled by Garo’s inflexibility, I didn’t I heard a sound of gravel being stepped on from behind me.

“Gau!! (W-who’s there!?)”

Garo instantly jumped out to protect my back.

“Grrr...! (Who the heck are you! For me not to notice you until you got this close...!?)”

“Wan? (Huh?)”

Hearing Garo’s vigilant growl, I turned around—.

“Y-you bastard. Could this be a secret meeting between monsters in the middle of the night...!?”

—only to find the female swordsman Zenovia-chan standing there.

“Wa-wafuu! (A, awawawa! How come it was the last person I want to be seen by was the one who found meeeeeeeee!?)”

This is bad!

This is an unexpectedly bad situation you know!

“Garururu...! (You human...! Don’t you get any closer to our king!!)”

Wrinkling the bridge of her nose, Garo snarled at her.

Hawawa, wait! Garo-chan, wait!

That threat is having an opposite effect!

“With that large build and that murderous aura...! You’re also not just any ordinary beast...! I’ve always thought it was fishy but you bastards definitely are...!”

Crap, the situation between Garo and Zenovia-chan’s about to explode.

As it is, I’m sure that it’ll turn into a bloody battle.

However, it’s alright. It’s going to be alright.

I have a trump card that I can use to resolve this.

When I found out your true character, I earnestly continued practicing for the sake of this day.

I failed many times but through trial and error, I was finally able to master this killer technique.

Without a doubt, this is my strongest technique.

And now, it’s finally the time to reveal it.

“Wafuu (Here I go!)”

I nimbly bowed my head then rolled over into a somersault.

Because of my weird behavior, the two who were glaring at each other switched their gazes at me.

My somersault led to me laying face up, showing my belly then I cutely stuck out my tongue.

“Hah hah hah hah (Ultimate technique, the pose of submission!)”

Let me explain.

Since ancient times dogs have used the pose of submission as a proof of absolute trust but also for the sake of showing that they hold no hostility an ordinary human will immediately lose their hostility and instead get captivated resulting in them being unable to resist caressing their mofumofu body it holds such a powerful enticement properties that regular humans cannot possibly resist it so resistance is futile (Rapid talking) ².

“Tsk, you bastard. You’re still doing that kind of thing at this point in time...!”

“Hah hah hah (Fuhahahaha! You can’t do it! You can’t use your blade! Can a proud swordswoman such as yourself cut a defenseless puppy!? Huh?! You can’t! If you do it then you’d forever be an embarrassment! Want to do it? Huh?! You still want to do it!?)”

“Guu, gununu...!”

“Hah hah hah hah (Fuhahahahahahaha! Seeing your exasperated face is getting me all fired up!)”

I want to lick it very much.

“Gauu... (K-king, that appearance...!? I can’t understand why our king would lower himself to someone like me...!)”

“Wan wan (Garō! What the heck are you doing! You do it too!)”

“Gauu? (H, haa!? Me too!?)”

“Wan wan! (Of course! Look! Hurry! JASTO NAO*!)”

<tn: *JUST NOW*>

“Gauu... (B-but still, that kind of appearance is... No, I already swore my allegiance to the king. No matter what kind of order it is, as one of his guards, I should resign myself to accept it! The king is doing it so it must be right!)”

Garo who was glaring at Zenovia-chan was now completely doing the same actions as me, showing her belly to her.

“Hah hah hah hah (It may be the king’s order but, how humiliating...! K-kill me now! I’d rather die! You human warrior!)”

“Hah hah hah hah (That’s it! More! Become even cuter! That’s right! Use your forefoot to beckon her and make her feel like fawning over you! That’s good! Look, just a little more and our enemy will surrender! Our victory is close!)”

With glistening eyes, these two demon wolves kept of conveying with all their might to Zenovia-chan that they’re no longer hostile.

“Gu... nu... nu... Agh, geez, enough already! Stop! It’s my defeat!”

Finally unable to bear it, Zenovia-chan fell to her knees.

Fuu, we won.

So easy.

“Gau... (My king... Is that really alright...?)”

Garo mumbled that like she was sad from the bottom of her heart.

It was nicely settled right?

We achieved victory without shedding blood you know?

A demon wolf king’s pride? I don’t know of such things.

All I have is my resolve to live my life as a dog.

Ah, I’m sure I looked cool saying that just now.

“...I’ll leave what you really are aside for now”

Zenovia-chan took a deep breath and started looking at me.

“.....oi, first of all, could you stop that? It’s distracting me from what I want to say”

Ah, I guess that was rude.

The both of us turned over and sat down with our backs straight.

“To be honest, I heard the contents of your conversation with Hecate-dono”

Hey hey, it's not good to eavesdrop on someone else's conversation you know?
If it was the usual me, I would have done that to agitate her but I can't just make light of the seriousness Zenovia-chan is showing on her face right now.

“I want to help Ojou-sama as well. Drachen Nichts Grass, was it? Take me along with you to search for that plant”

“Gauu! (Stop screwing around! There's no way I'll leave the task of guarding our king to a measly human like you!)”

“Wan wan (Stop it. Garo-chan, sit. SHIDAUN. SHITO, DAUN!)”

“Kyu—n... (Yes...)”

I stopped Garo who was once again baring her fangs at Zenovia-chan.

“You heard about the location of the dragon's lair from that black one earlier right? Is it perhaps at the foot of that sacred mountain?”

Oooh, how sharp.

Aside from the fact that she got that fake sword, it seems like she's superior in everything else.

“I'm already done with my preparations”

Certainly, you could tell from looking at Zenovia-chan's appearance. She's wearing traveling clothes and a cloak, I can smell food from the bag over her shoulder, and she's carrying a large iron case on her back.

She's totally prepared for everything, completely different from me who just went out with the clothes on my back.

It's impossible to make her think otherwise, isn't it?

In the first place, we can't really communicate.

“Let’s hurry. That way, we can heal Ojou-sama’s illness as soon as possible”

Announcing that, Zenovia-chan started running.

“Wan (Ah—, now that it’s come to this, Garo, I’ll leave the house to you. I would appreciate it if I didn’t have to worry about the mansion while I’m away)”

“Gau (I gratefully accept this task. This Garo shall risk her life to protect king’s bedroom. Please take care of yourself)”

Leaving Garo who was silently bowing her head, I chased after Zenovia-chan’s back.

Zenovia-chan, wait—!

North’s not over there—!

Chapter 18

Are you the heroine?! You were an enemy after all!

Every time my four feet hit the ground, the forest's soil gets turned over.
My face has gotten a bit moist from the cold night's wind hitting my face.

Leading the way through the dark forest, I was running ahead.
Glancing behind me, I can see that Zenovia-chan is easily keeping up with me.

With the leaves of the trees covering the moonlight, there's not a single speck of light in this forest so we're in complete darkness.
To make it even worse, the humus, soil, and tree roots make the footing unstable.
It would be impossible for me to even walk if I didn't have this wolf body.

Even though she's in that kind of forest, Zenovia-chan is running like it was an even road surface.

"Oi, stop looking back every time. You don't have to worry about me. Just focus on reaching the place where our objective is located"

With her breathing undisturbed, Zenovia-chan said that to me.

Please look at that.
She might have said that in a dignified way, but this was the person who went the wrong way earlier.

Considering her usual uselessness, I was absolutely sure that she would also be incompetent at running but Zenovia-chan is unexpectedly capable.
Who would have thought she'd be able to do something like this despite her usual self.

She's acting cocky since even though she has such a heavy looking large iron case on her back, it doesn't show with the way she's running.
It seems like she can even see clearly in this dark forest.
An amazing night vision and a good runner.

Certainly, if it's like this then it's fine if I speed up a bit.
Letting out a single bark, I increased my speed.

"Haa, what should I do. Is this all that you have? This is still nothing for me you know?"

Zenovia-chan sneered as if to look down on me.

Ah—, did you really just say something like that? Did you?
Even though your just Zenovia-chan, you dare to try and stir me up?
Bring it on! I'll make you cry!

"Wan wan! (Let's go! Let's see who can get there the fastest!)"

Bzzt bzzt.

I weaved my way through the gap in the trees like lightning.

"Kuu, you're on! I'm not gonna lose!"

Zenovia-chan was making a wry face but she still kept up with me.

No way! I'm running at full speed right now you know!?
Why can this two-legged baggage carrier keep up with me!?

How terrifying Zenovia-chan, how terrifying.
She has an outrageous physical ability.
If those two swords that broke when she picked a fight with me weren't fake, I would have definitely been cut...

N-not good...! If she somehow gets a hold of a decent sword, I would eventually get killed...!

I should hurry up and develop my new ultimate technique, <Cute Pose>...!

As if I was running away from Zenovia-chan, I continued to dash frantically.

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“*pant*... *pant*...”

“Haa... Haa...”

S-sorry, any more is impossible.

I can't run anymore...

Zenovia-chan and I were staggering as we got out of the forest and collapsed by a stream with clear water flowing through it.

“C-can't do anymore can you...”

“W-wan... (Seriously... until the end... she kept up with me... Zenovia-chan, how frightening...)”

As I was lying down, I looked up at the sky and saw that the darkness has already started to make way for the light.

Is it already 3 or 4 in the morning...?

We left the mansion at dusk so we've been running close to 10 hours now I guess.

Uu, I'm tired...

I want to go home already...

Which reminds me, where are we right now...?

We were so focused on running north that we lost track of how far we went.

“I can hear the sound of a waterfall. It must be close”

Zenovia-chan who has already caught her breath faced north.

Why did you notice that sound before me, who is a demon wolf?

Certainly, if I strain my ears, I can hear the sound of a massive waterfall.

Judging from the sound, it doesn't seem like it's that far away.

Garou told me that it would take 3 days to reach it, but it seems like we've arrived earlier

than I thought.

“Let’s take a break for now. We’re going to enter a dragon’s lair so we have to be in perfect condition”

Zenovia-chan started looking for a big flat stone by the riverbed to place her bag on top of it.

Looking inside, aside from the basic cookware, she has a huge loaf of rye bread, raclette cheese the size of a fist, and a lump of smoked meat.

“Kun kun (That faint smell of apple wood chips... It’s the old man’s smoked meat. You bad old man. So you still have some smoked meat hidden away...!)”

I didn’t find any of those when I was stealing food.
Damn it, he must have found out!

“W-what? It’s not like I didn’t tell anyone I was bringing these you know? I properly requested for James-dono to prepare it for me”

Zenovia-chan faltered seeing my bitter gaze.
A wincing Zenovia-chan is cute as well. I want to lick her.

“You go look for dry twigs. I’ll draw water”

“Wan (Gotcha)”

We split into two groups and started preparing for our fire and our meal.

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While making crackling sounds, the kindling’s burning red.

“Wan wan! (Food! Food! Quickly! Quickly!)”

“Well, just wait. I’ll make this into something delicious”

Saying that, Zenovia-chan cut the rye bread in half.

Even though the bread was baked until it was hard as stone outside, the inside is surprisingly fluffy.

After that, Zenovia-chan cut thin slices out of the lump of smoked meat and placed it in between the two halves of the bread.

“And finally, this...”

She pierced the cheese with the tip of her knife and put it over the fire. An appetizing smell spread out as it started getting softer.

Just before it started drooping down, she coated the smoked meat and the top of the bread with the melted cheese.

The cheese and meat are mixing into the fluffy bread.

“Wan! (Th-this is... Could it be)”

That alps-style bread that I thought I would only see in my dreams as a kid...!?
And it’s not just the cheese, there’s the meat as well making it even more delicious.

“Here, take it and eat it”

Saying that, Zenovia-chan rudely presented the bread to me.

Since I didn’t have a plate, she did it while making sure it didn’t fall to the ground as well.

Zenovia-chan, you’re such a tsundere. I want to lick her.

“I’ll eat it if you won’t”

“Wan wan (Ah. I’ll eat, I’ll eat)”

Even while covered in that strong appetizing smell of the thick raclette cheese, you can still detect the scent of the apple wood chips from the smoked meat.
As if smelling a flower, my nasal cavity gets appeased just getting a whiff of those two combined tasty scents.

“Wan! (Thanks for the meal!)”

I gratefully received the Alps-like bread from Zenovia-chan's hand.

"O-oi. You don't have to be in such a hurry. I was just joking earlier. Calm down while you eat"

As I bite into it, the cheese's strong smell, the smoked meat's rich flavor melds with the taste of the rye bread, bringing forth a simple, yet profound, flavor.

Iya, this is really delicious.

If the cafe I went to when I was still a corporate slave had this as a part of their morning special, I probably would have been able to keep working harder.

Well, even that morning special is a luxury since I couldn't even afford to eat!

How depressing...

Let's just forget about my previous life.

I'm already living the blissful life of a dog after all.

Seeing that I've already eaten my bread, Zenovia-chan started preparing her share. She would usually look at me with so much hostility but at a time like this, she's even prioritizing my meal. I guess Zenovia-chan really is a tsundere after all.

I will absolutely make sure that I lick her someday.

I swear that in my heart.

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"...speaking honestly, I understand that you don't hold any ill will or anything like that"

Zenovia-chan started mumbling that while drinking fruit wine that has been diluted with hot water.

The fruit wine's alcohol content is low so it's a little lacking when it comes to warming your body up.

The fire was dying out so she used a tree branch to stir the ashes and use the embers to warm herself up.

The weak flame illuminating Zenovia-chan's face is making her lose her usual fierceness, maybe even somewhat somber.

“You seem to be genuinely attached to Ojou-sama. That I can understand. However, from my perspective, I still see you as something dangerous”

“Ku—n (Iya, I can’t really relate with that)”

Looking at my appearance, all you can see is a cute pet after all.
It’s just that, my body is slightly big and my face is slightly scary.
But that’s just something you can ignore.

“The aura that your body is clad in isn’t normal. I can’t even imagine how much more you’ll grow from now on. Compared to the monsters that I’ve subjugated before, I’m sure that you can get even stronger”

Zenovia-chan gritted her teeth.

“You might be docile right now, but you might regain your true nature and hurt somebody someday. I’m afraid that’ll happen. If a day comes where you hurt the family head, Ojou-sama, and the other members of the household... If that happens, I won’t be able to live with myself...”

Zenovia-chan started hugging her knees.

The way she tightly curled her body makes me think of an abandoned puppy.

“Those people treated me like family. That’s why, even though I may be incompetent everywhere else aside from battles, I want to do whatever I can for them with this sword. That’s why, even if you resent me, I will...!”

“Kuaaaa (Good ni—ght)”

I yawned then lay down.

“Ah, you bastard! When a person is telling you something serious, you listen to them!”

“Kuuuuuaaaaaa (The day that Zenovia-chan is thinking will never happen so listening to you anymore will be useless, useless I tell you)”

After doing a big yawn, I faced away from Zenovia-chan and closed my eyes.

Geez, doing that stray dog act while having a person’s body...

I was almost about to say that I'll pick you up and raise you by myself.

As I thought, Zenovia-chan is a rival to my pet life after all.
I will never hand over the seat of family's slacker to you!

Chapter 19

Found the plant! But then I leaked!

“So the day has finally come for me to wield this sword again...”

Our nap ended just as the morning sun started to come out. We’re currently making preparations for our departure.

Although I say that, I, who is a dog, only had to do some grooming so I immediately had some time to spare. Because of that so I decided to watch Zenovia-chan’s work.

Zenovia-chan had her iron case that’s by the riverbed opened and was sorting out the things inside.

Taking a peek from behind, she was attaching a long hilt to a gigantic sword blade.

It might have been separated for storage.

Its length is practically the same as Zenovia-chan’s height if you include the hilt that was installed just now.

The sword’s tip itself is rounded and greatly bulging out. The width and thickness are out of the norm as well.

It’s like they just took a huge lump of iron and form it into the shape of a sword. It was an absurdly large weapon.

Who could swing something like that I wonder.

“This is the magic sword that was passed down for generations in our Leonheart household. Designated with the name “Dragon Vein”, it is said that our ancestor, the war god Georg, used this to slay an evil dragon”

Its blade is thick, has a murky black color, and a lot of blood vessel-like cracks running through it.

If you told me that it became cursed by absorbing the evil dragon’s blood, I would totally believe you because how sinister it looks.

“This sword is fitting for this time’s subjugation. To think that I, who is a descendant

of a dragon slayer, would face the same battle. This must be god's will"

"Wafuu wafuu (That's not right! Zenovia-chan, our goal isn't to subjugate it okay!? We're just going to quietly steal some Drachen Nicht Grass after all! This time's task is just a sneaking mission, okay!?)"

As I barked in panic, the corners of Zenovia-chan's lips raised a bit.

"It's a joke. However, you must assume that would happen if we get discovered"

After confirming that there's nothing rattling at the part where the two pieces connect, Zenovia-chan closed her iron case.

Looking at it again, you wouldn't think that a human could wield something of that size.

While I was worrying about that, Zenovia-chan easily lifted up that ridiculously large sword.

"Wafuu!? (Whaa!?)"

She's not even struggling, she just lifted it up just like that.

"Wafuu (How come you were able to easily pick it up!? That's weird, really weird! The laws of physics! You're upsetting the laws of physics!)"

As if it were made of wood or something, Zenovia-chan gently picked it up and confirmed its feel in her hands.

"Not good. It feels heavy. It must be because I lack training"

"Wan wan (Good grief. It doesn't seem that heavy at all. In fact, this person still has enough complacency to hum while swinging it around!)"

Every time Zenovia-chan swings it around, it generates wind pressure causing even the heavy stones by the riverbed to start shaking.

As the speed of her practice-swings increase, the more the wind coming from the sword seems like a tornado.

“I was planning to throw away this sword the day I quit being an adventurer and was taken in by the Falcks estate”

Why didn't she seriously throw it away then?

Such a dangerous thing, it would have been better if she just disposed of it.

“However, no matter what, I couldn't bring myself to do it. A part of it is because it's an heirloom but I also had a premonition that a day like this would probably come”

As Zenovia-chan reached the peak of her sword dance, without even a bit she held the greatsword completely still.

It was late but the wind started blowing in the vicinity as if to break the atmosphere.

That sword's dangerous.

It's completely different from those fake swords she had until now.

It's a real monster-killing weapon.

The fact that Zenovia-chan's the one swinging around that extremely heavy weapon makes it even more dangerous.

No matter what kind of monster it is, if it gets hit by that lump of iron at that speed, it would surely get blown to smithereens.

“Fumu...”

After fastening that greatsword to her back, Zenovia-chan motionlessly stared at me.

“Wa-wafuu (W-why are you staring at me? Could it be!? You want to test it out!?)”

That's unacceptable you know!

I'll die!

If that hits my head, as expected, I would certainly die!

“...let's go. I don't know where our destination is so I'll leave it to you”

“Wa-wafuu (I-iyee mamu¹!)”

It seems like my concern was unwarranted.

After staring at me, Zenovia-chan turned back and started walking away.

Thank god.

I thought I would be killed as a warm-up before exterminating the dragon.

As gratitude for narrowly escaping death, I caught up and started guiding Zenovia-chan who once again heading towards the wrong direction.

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After advancing for a while as we relied on the sound of the waterfall, we finally found the place we were looking for.

A tremendous amount of water falling down from a high cliff. A large waterfall. We're still quite far away from it but the spray from the water hitting the bottom is reaching our faces.

The soft sensation of the moss on the ground is being imparted to the soles of my feet as I walk on it.

It feels like we'd choke on the humidity that enters our throats if we aren't careful.

It's probably safe to say that a part of the water from this waterfall flows toward that riverbed we rested on earlier.

"Wan (From Garo's story, it seems like the dragon's lair is on the other side of this waterfall)"

From this side, we would have to go all the way around the waterfall to reach it.

We quickened our pace while taking care not to slip on the wet rocky surface.

As we got closer, the sound of the water got deafeningly louder.

To avoid getting dragged by the water current, we pressed our backs against the rock cliff as we entered the other side of the waterfall.

"So this is what's inside..."

Zenovia-chan murmured while brushing up her hair that got wet from the spray.

We have a tremendously fast flowing waterfall behind us and a huge cave entrance in front.

Although it's early summer, there's a chilling air is coming from inside the cave.

"Let's go"

"Wafuu (Zenovia-chan, do you understand? After we find the plant, we're sprinting out of here okay? We should absolutely avoid battle okay!?)"

Just please protect my life if the worst happens.
Thank you very much!

"Hey, hurry up. I won't be able to do anything here without your guidance"

"Kuu—n (A-ah, as I thought, I would be in front after all...)"

I would seriously run away if ever we encounter a dragon.
When that happens, I'm counting on you, Zenovia-chan.

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"It sure is wide..."

It was so wide that even that mumble of hers echoed.

I wonder if the ceiling that the stalactites are hanging from is on a higher spot than the mansion's roof.

Just how big could the dragon be if it's living in such a wide space.

We continued advancing while I was scared of the dragon's existence but there's no sign of it so far.

My nose hasn't picked up any odd scents as well.

We might not have faced any danger yet, we also haven't found what we came for.

The worst thing would be if the dragon's legend was actually not true and there's no Drachen Nichts Grass growing here.

If that's the case then we would really have just gone on a fool's errand.

I may not want to encounter a dragon but I sure hope it lives here.

It would be the best if it just went out by chance so that we could use this opportunity while it's away.

We'll just take some of that grass and immediately go home.

"Stupid dragon, it has hidden itself"

Zenovia-chan seemed irritated while gripping the hilt of her sword.

"Wafuu!? (Zenovia-chan!? That's wrong you know!?)"

Why is this person so determined to fight!?

We're here to look for that plant, not a fight, right!?

While I was feeling anxious, we continued walking towards the depths of the cave.

Even though the inside of the cave is as dark as the forest at night, it doesn't matter for us who could see in the dark.

As we continued through total darkness, I could see something giving out a faint glow deeper in the cave.

"Wafuu (Could that possibly be it!?)"

I can smell a flower-like fragrant scent as well.

Attracted by that light and scent, I started running in that direction.

Halfway there, the path branched into two but, without hesitation, I chose to go towards the light.

"W-wait. Calm down"

Together with Zenovia-chan who was a bit late catching up, we finally reached the source of that glow.

"This is...!"

"Wan (A-amashiiiiiiiiiiiiing!)"

At the end of that passage was a cavern filled with green phosphorescence.

There was a dense field of Suzuran-like plants growing there.

The stems and leaves were transparent and the hanging flower was letting out a faint luminescence.

Rather than a plant, it looks more like handicrafts made out of glass.

Both of us were captivated by that mesmerizing spectacle.

“This is Drachen Nichts Grass, isn’t it...?”

“Wafu... (Probably...)”

There are no other plants growing here these are most likely it.

I don’t know how much is necessary so we just filled the briefcase Zenovia-chan was carrying.

“Alright. With this...”

“Wan wan (Let’s get out of here first before you finish that sentence—!)”

After we filled her briefcase with Drachen Nichts Grass instead of food, Zenovia-chan stood up and placed it over her shoulder.

There’s no point in staying here for too long.

The quicker we deliver this to Hecate, the faster Mary-ojousama’s medicine gets made.

Leaving the area where Drachen Nichts Grass grew, we ran back taking the path we previously used.

Then, an encounter.

A ginormous blue dragon that far exceeded my expectations.

“GROOOUUUUUUUUUU...”

The dragon’s deep growl caused the entire cave to vibrate.

So big.

There’s nothing like it.

It was so big that even with the cave's high ceiling, its head was still chafing it. It had bulky, tree-like limbs and the scales that are covering its entire body was letting out a heavy armor-like dull glow. As if a testament to it living for several thousands of years, there are four horns branching out from its head and it's forming into the shape of a crown.

"GRRROOOO..."

Steam comes out every time it breathes.

It's black eyes with golden pupils looked down on us as we stood there petrified.

There's not even a bit of indication to what those cold eyes are thinking. It's like a superior being was looking down at a stone on the road.

We had completely different statuses as living beings.



GROOOUUUUUU.....

生物としての格が、
違いすぎる……!!

すみか
～薬草を求めて竜の棲処へ～

“Wan (Umu!)”

As I stared at the dragon with a tense face, I let it all out.

Psssssshhh.

Chapter 20

An encounter with a dragon!

But then I started wanting to lick it!

Dear Ojou-sama,

This is your beloved pet, Routa.

We found the Drachen Nichts Grass safely but it would seem like bringing it back may take a while.

We'll certainly bring it back so please wait a bit longer, okay?

Well then, I would be almost 30 years old right now if we include my previous life but I have never experienced the joy of peeing up until now.

While being embarrassed, I went full throttle.
I'll forcefully release it until my bladder's completely empty.

Or rather, I'm in the middle of doing that right now.
pssshhh psssh desu.
A puddle is already forming around my feet.

Uwaaaaaaa, how embarrassing!
It's embarrassing you know!
Having an accident at 30 is really embarrassing!

“...(kiri)”¹.

I looked up at the dragon with a poised look but I was screaming in my mind thinking that I'm not fooling anyone.

Aahhhhhh, no waaaayyyyyy!
I'm absolutely sure that Zenovia-chan noticed it!

Of course, at a time like this, it's not stopping at all!

"G O O A A A A A A A A !!!"

The dragon who's right before our eyes let out a roar.

Because of the increased vibrations, the cracked stalactites started to fall down.

This is bad.

It's angry.

“gofuuuu...”

The dragon with metallic-blue scales let out a huge exhale then lowered its head from its previously high place.

I can't move at all because of fear.

Because of that, my pee has now reached my feet.

“‘G O R R U O O... (After entering someone’s den without permission, you even have the gall to claim this as your territory... You are a very brave...)”

Craaap.

There's no way you can't get out of this now, me.

I just noticed but it seems like I can understand what this guy's saying.

It was the same for Garo and the others.

What the dragon is saying is being conveyed together with its growl.

“Ku...”

Zenovia-chan gulped as the dragon got its face close to us that we can feel its warm breath.

You can hear the faint sound of its teeth hitting together as well.

As expected, even Zenovia-chan can't hide her fright being in front of this dragon.

I can understand that feeling.

All four of my feet are trembling as well.

It's commendable how Zenovia-chan hasn't we herself yet.

As for me, I just gave up trying to hold it in.
Just release as much as you want, my body.

Rather than a frog getting glared at by a snake, this feels more like a dinosaur glaring at worms.

Are we going to meet our end just by getting trampled?

“G A R R R O O O O O ... (Kukuu, kuhahahaha. You are quite interesting, aren't you? Showing that kind of bravery in front of me, I am greatly pleased by it. Let me see, it's just tea but let me treat you to it)”

The dragon let out a hearty laugh.

Although its face is not laughing, there's no hostility in the voice that was conveyed.

Eh? Does this mean that it's not angry?

I think you'd normally get mad if a thief enters your house and pees all over it though.
Could it be that this dragon is just a really nice guy?

For now, it seems like the danger to my life has passed.
I finally stopped peeing as well.

But still, now that it has its face close to us, it doesn't just look scary,
It's at a size where it can probably swallow me whole.

“G U R R R O O O O O ... (Did you come together with that human girl over there? Because guests rarely come to this nest of mine, I, the blue dragon called Renwowrym (レンヲヴルム), will do my best to make you feel welcome)”

Ooh, it seems like it really was resolved peacefully.

What a relief. As expected, it would be absurd to fight like this.

I mean, we would just be considered as snacks after all.

Feeling relieved, I was opening my mouth to reply—.

“R-run away...”

—when Zenovia-chan interrupted with her shaking voice.

“Wan (Ah, Ruh-roh)”².

Zenovia-chan doesn't understand what this dragon is saying after all.

I tried thinking back on what the dragon did without that supplementary voice. It roared causing the cave to tremble, slowly brought its face closer then let out a low growl.

Umu. No matter how you look at it, it's giving off a vibe that's saying [I'm going to eat you now okay?].

“Wan wan! (Zenovia-chan, wait! Sutei! Sute—i!)”³.

“You must run away with this. This guy, even if I take him along with me, I'll defeat it!”

Ignoring my frantic shout, Zenovia-chan threw the case containing the Drachen Nichts Grass at me then unsheathed the great sword from her back.

“HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!”

Black fumes seem to rise up from the sword after she gripped the handle and fired herself up.

“G A R O O O O O ... Wh-what's wrong? Why did you take out your sword? D-do you hate tea? I have sweets too you know?)”

That's not it dragon-san.
She can't understand you.
Please notice it.

“Go, Routa! Return to Ojou-sama's side!”

Aah, calling my name for the first time like this...!
I'm happy but at the same time, I'm not!

Zenovia-chan! That resolve of yours is meaningless!
I feel bad for ruining this touching moment but don't fight it!
Not only are you getting yourself into a needless battle, you're causing even confusion!

Still, I'm not human so my words can't reach Zenovia-chan who's greatly brandishing that huge sword to hit the face of that faltering dragon.

"Wafuu wafuu (Please, somehow, let that great sword be fake...! Let it snap! Let it bre~ak!)"

I yell from the sidelines while hoping that, like usual, the sword breaks.
I close my eyes and pray for Zenovia-chan's greatsword to be easily broken by the dragon's hard scales.

However, as if to crush my hopes, an intense slashing sound could be heard.

"GUGYAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!"

It was effectiiiiiiiiivvvvvveeeee!?

Why is it that you only have a real article at a time like this.
So it wasn't a situation where a fake heirloom was passed along for generations after all!

That blow, which would be considered ruthless by anyone, tore through the dragon's tough scales and dealt huge damage.

"GUROOOOOOOOO!! (I-it huuuuuuuurrrrrrrrrrttttttsssssss!!)"

The dragon was greatly taken aback while large amounts of blood were flowing from its face.

"GURRROOO! (Wh-why. Why was I attacked...!?)"

That's because your words can't reach her!

"Wan wan! (Oi, you! Can't you speak human language!? She didn't understand our conversation earlier! If you tell her you don't want to fight, you might just convince her!)"

Incidentally, I completely froze up and can't move!
Do your best, Dragon!

“G A R O!? (What was that!? Crap! It has been over a thousand years since I last talked with a human so I completely forgot about it! I’ll do it! I’m going to tell her using human language!)”

“Wan! (Go for it! If you can talk to her, you may be able to persuade her!)”

“Hmm, Ek hev eck ovin! Vio sukarvum fa meo!”

“Wan!? (What language is that!?)”

You actually can’t speak it, can you!? Where the heck is that language even from!

“Is it casting some kind of spell!? I won’t allow it!”

Did her nervousness fade seeing the effectiveness of her first strike? Zenovia-chan became more determined than ever to cut the dragon’s front leg.

“G A R O O O!! (Ouch! Wh-why!? That was the human’s official language used around here right!? I can’t be mistaken because I remember it from a thousand years ago!)”

There’s no way she’d understand a language from a thousand years ago
riiiiiiiiiiiiiiggggggghhhhhhhhhhtttttttttt!!!

Once the ones ruling the country change, the language would also change. Even if it’s still the same country using the same language, after a thousand years, something surely would have changed.

It’s hard having a dragon’s sense of time.

“Just a little more and I’ll be able to cut it!!”

More wounds appear on the dragon’s body as the aura surrounding Zenovia-chan’s greatsword increases.

“G U R O O O O O O! (It hurts, it hurts! S-stop! Oi! I’m telling you it hurts! You!... d-don’t just stand there...!)”

While it was writhing in pain because of all the cuts on its body, the dragon finally lost its patience and said.

"G A R O O O O O O O O O O O!! (Do something about thiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiisss
sssssssssssssssss!!)"

The wind pressure from its spread out wings cause Zenovia-chan to get blown away.

“Ghaa!?”

After hitting the rock wall of the cave hard, Zenovia-chan slid down.

She dropped her great sword and is now she's buried in rubble, not even twitching. She has completely lost consciousness.

“Wafuu!? (No way, just one hit!?)”

“G A A A A A R U O O O O O O!! (The stealing I can forgive! The peeing I can forgive! But cutting someone whose not even resisting multiple times is a different story! Punishment has to be dealt!)”

While I was surprised, behind me, the dragon has completely snapped.

No matter how you look at it, this is obviously our side's fault so what the dragon is saying is completely right.

Even if she couldn't understand us, it's still a fact that she just completely trampled on the dragon's generosity.

It would probably be justified if it eats her.

“Wan (Well, having said that, I really can’t just leave her alone...)”

I, who could finally move, got in between the dragon and Zenovia-chan.

“G A R O O O O O... (Move aside. I don't care if she's your companion, I still have to punish that girl for a bit)”

The dragon's eyes became bloodshot because of anger and it started breathing roughly.

It's really angry.

“Wan wan (Iya, I really want to do that, but still... by the way, what kind of punishment

will you give her)”—

“G U R O O O O ... (You’ve already seen it. I’ll just return to her what she has done to me)”

If a human like Zenovia-chan receives the same attack that greatsword dealt, she'd get torn to pieces, wouldn't she?

“Wan wan (Well, even if you do that, look, she has already fainted. We’ll leave quietly so can’t we just leave it at that...?)”

“G A R O O O O O ... (No. Wounding a maiden’s body like this, I absolutely can’t let it pass)”

Wait, did you just refer to yourself as a maiden?
Were you actually a girl?

“Wan wan (Please! Just overlook it this time!)”

“G A R O O O O ... (It’s useless no matter how much you say it. You won’t be able to convince me otherwise. Now move aside)”

“Wan wan! (Even so, could you somehow, please!)”

“G U R O O O O O O... How persistent! I don’t have a grudge with you so step aside!)”

"Wan wan! Awoooooooooooooo! (Somehow, please, could you please just overlook
iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiittttttttttttttttttt!!)"

Because I pleaded with all my might, a white flash started flowing out from my mouth.

Oops, a beam came out.

That unexpected beam attack went straight for the dragon's face.

“G U R R O ?! (Watch out!)”

Just before the beam hit, a magic formation appeared in front of the dragon causing it

Then, the deflected beam hit the cave wall, drilled a hole and went straight outside.

I unexpectedly found out the real identity of that beam.

Well, that doesn't really matter right now.

More than that, I just lost all hopes for persuasion.

“G A R O O O O O O O O !!! (Even though I said I’ll turn a blind eye to your deeds,
this is your reply!? You are now equally guilty! Receive your punishment together!)”

"GAROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOON!!!"

A rock-melting blue flame is heading straight towards me and Zenovia-chan.

"Awooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!! (I don't want to diiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii
eeeeeeeeeee!!!)"

My scream turned into a beam that offset the dragon's blue flame.

“G A R O O O O... (Nunu, to match my incineration magic, one with the highest magic power output among all my magic...! You’re pretty good!)”

“Wan wan! (D-don’t spit out such a dangerous thing! Are you trying to kill me!)”

“G A R O O O O O O! (You’re the one who tried to kill me first!)”

“Wan wan (Oh shut it you thousand-year-old shut in*! You just get scratched a little and you already start yapping!)”⁴.

“G A R O O O O O O! (W-w-w-who are you calling a shut-in! I’ll have you know that I make sure to go out once in a while! Once in about a hundred years, I go outside to air out my scales...)”

“Wan wan! (Aren’t you a hardcore shut in then! You’d turn into a moss dragon staying inside the cave for that long, you thousand-year-old spinster!)”

“G A R O O O O O O! (W-w-why would you go that far! Even using the word spinster, do you feel such tremendous disdain towards me! Unforgivable! Unforgivable! Absolutely unforgivableeeeeee!!)”

Together with our rowdy argument was an exchange of beams and fire breaths. The cave ended up in ruins because of our attacks.

“*pant... pant... *”

“Gofuuuu... gofuuuu...”⁵.

Running out of breath at the same time, we just glared at each other in exhaustion.

“G A R O O ... (W-why are you so determined to protect that human girl... Judging from how you look, you’re a demon wolf, right? The demon wolf tribe should hold an extreme hate of humans because of the fate your tribe suffered a thousand years ago. And besides, if that girl wasn’t so impertinent in the first place, none of these would have happened. It would be better to leave that foolish girl alone, right...?)”

Giving up, the blue dragon Renwowyrm asked.

“Wan wan (That might be true since Zenovia-chan is always aiming for my life. In fact, I’ve already been cut by her twice. I also don’t think she’ll learn her lesson and still continue to attack me after I save her though...)”

Zenovia-chan is definitely a meathead after all.

“G U R O O ... (Then, why...?)”

“Wan wan (Well, you see, once she wakes up from this, she would probably cry since she’ll be mortified for getting saved by me. She’ll be like, ‘getting saved by that

bastard... ’ and ‘being saved by an apparition... ’, stuff like that)”

I can already see a magnificently chaotic future with that.

“Wan (Those tears and snot covering Zenovia-chan’s face, I want to lick it to my heart’s content. Using helping as a reason would be good enough!)”

I declared that with a poised look.

“ .. ”

“ .. ”

A draft started blowing from the opening of the cave.

“G A, G A R O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O N!!
(ARE YOU A P-PERVERT—————!?)”

“Awwwwwwwwwwooooooooooooooooooooooooonnn!! (Shut uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuup!!!
Don’t make light of a peroristooooooooooooooooooooo!!”⁶.

Together, we both did our loudest howl/roar which turned into a tremendous flash and thunderous roar that dyed everything in white.

Chapter 21

Defeated! Then the conclusion!

When that concentrated white beam and blazing blue flame clashed, they converged and all the energy accumulated burst out.

Because of that, every corner of the already rundown cave was burned to a crisp resulting in its collapse.

The torrent of magic power brought forth a glaring white flash that was so bright it made me close my eyes.

Then, as that flash gradually disappeared, I opened my eyes to look around the cave that has fallen silent and saw the figure of the dragon with black smoke rising from its body.

Its big boulder-like body was wobbling.

“G U R O O O ... (I, lost...)”

The blue dragon Renwowym collapsed causing the ground to shake.
Her long neck reaching to my side.

The dragon who was gasping while covered in wounds, opened her mouth and said.

“G A R O O O ... (To think that the day I would get defeated would come... Moreover, it was to this pervert...)”

Don't call me a pervert.
It's a dog's nature to want to lick everything.

“G U R O O ... (Oh dear me, I've already lived a long life, didn't I...?)”

The dragon who was lying on the ground silently closed her eyes.

“G U R O O ... (Go ahead, finish me off. I have no regrets...)”

“Wan (No, uhm... I feel bad for ruining the mood but I’m not going to do that, okay?)”

In the first place, this fight was just caused by a misunderstanding.
This guy no longer feels like fighting so any more than this is unnecessary.

“G A R O O O ... (What? Does this mean you’re sparing my life? Don’t you want the honor of killing a dragon?)”

“Wan (Don’t know, don’t care. A pet doesn’t need to acquire such a thing)”

I just want to live idly and do nothing but eat and sleep while getting spoiled after all.
I don’t want anything more than that.

I’ll say it as many times as you want.
A pet’s life is the best.

“G A R O O O ... (Fuu. Aside from being bold, this boi¹² is also humble and compassionate. You’d be a pretty fine specimen if we exclude your perverseness)”

It feels like I’m being zealously targeted by this thousand-year-old spinster dragon.

However, I’m not into bestiality so I would have to refuse.
Also, stop calling me a pervert.

Anyway, is this one going to be alright with all those injuries?
She’s filled with cuts and burn marks so she’s in a pretty terrible state.

“G U R O O O O ... (Fu. No need to worry. I only need to rest a little to recover from wounds of this degree. The fight with you, contrary to my expectations, was pretty fun you know)”

“Wan wan (I don’t want to do something like that ever again though. Well, but still, it must be pretty lonely being alone in such a place, right? I’ll come back to play with you again some other time)”

If you talk to her like this, you’ll understand.

Renwowyrm is not a bad dragon.

Since we caused her trouble in a lot of ways, it would probably be good if I brought along some of old man James' cooking as a present when I come back here next time.

"G A R O O O ... (This place is in such a terrible state. The reason why my nest is in such a state... Half of it was your fault, right?)"

"Wan (...yes... I'm sorry)"

"G A R O O O ... (Kuhahaha. 'Twas only a joke. I'll go to sleep already, feel free to take anything that you want from my nest. Acquiring treasures is connected to dragon extermination after all)"

Renwowyrm curled up her body then closed her eyes.

"Wan (Well then, Renwowyrm. Let's meet again okay?)"

Renwowyrm just lightly swung the tip of her large tail as a reply.

After making a wry smile seeing that lazy stance that resembles closely mine, I went towards Zenovia-chan to wake her up.

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"Ku~n ku~n (Zenovia-chan, wake up~. It's about time for my licking time you know~?)"

I poked her head and shoulders but there's no sign of Zenovia-chan waking up.

I already found the briefcase with Dragon Nicht Grass inside so I just need to wake Zenovia-chan up then we can go back to the mansion.

"Ku~n Ku~n (Just licking your sleeping face won't be fun you know~. I want to lick your bitter tears once you wake up. Wake up~ wake up~)"

"Nya~n (That's quite a shocking fetish you have there Routa-san...)"

I suddenly heard a cat's cry from behind.

I was so surprised that I jumped up.

“Wafuul? (Whoa!? Na-Nafra!?)”

“Nya~ (Yes. It is I, Nafra desu. Master guessed that you would have been done by now so I was told to come and meet you. Because of that, I’m here right now)”

Nafra was sitting on my back as if she had been there from the start.
While I was surprised, she was just sitting there carefreely cleaning her face.

“Wan wann (Does that mean that you chased after us!?)”

“Nya~n (No no. That’s not the case. I can’t even win a race with Routa-san, can I? With spatial magic, it’s instantaneous you know? Using Routa-san as an anchor, I came here by jumping through space... nya)”

Magic is amazing.
It can even do something like teleportation.
Also, as usual, she still isn’t accustomed to adding “nya” to her sentences.

“Wan wan (Nafra, you, are you actually someone amazing?)”

“Nya~n (That may be too much—. With my magic power, I can only set coordinates to 3 points at most. Master’s atelier, Gandorf-san’s mansion and Routa-san)”

So the third one was me!?
Can you actually mark individuals with that?

“Wan (...you didn’t ask me for permission for that, didn’t you...?)”

Is that why you always appear in front of me no matter the time or place?
Even a pet needs his privacy you know!?

“Nya~n (I was only following master’s orders so... forgive me nyan~♪)”

Nafra placed her cat paws by the side of her pace then moved it like a beckoning cat.

So cute~.
I forgive you~.

Shit. So cunning Nafra, so cunning.

“Nya~n (Well then, shall we go home? Let’s go before that scary dragon sleeping over there wakes up)”

“G A R R O O O ... (I can hear you, you know...)”

“Nyaa! (Hawawa! Hurry hurry!)”

Renwowyrm’s sleepy groan surprised Nafra that she leaped onto Zenovia-chan’s lap.

“Nya~n (Well then, we’re transferring now okay~. You didn’t leave anything behind, did you—?)”

A white space spread out with Nafra at its center. I’m guessing that that’s the effective range of her teleportation magic.

I grabbed the case.

I wanted to leave Zenovia-chan’s greatsword there but unfortunately, it fell right by Zenovia-chan’s side.

“Nyao————n!”

Together with Nafra’s loud cry, the scene started to distort like looking through a heat haze.

The next moment, we’re no longer in that dark cave but instead at the mansion’s wide courtyard.

Complete with the ever familiar garden, large tree, and the beautiful fountain.

And in the middle of all of that stands a luxurious mansion.

It’s the house that I’m used to seeing.

“Wan (It really was just an instant...)”

While we were fighting, it seems like the sun has already risen quite high in the sky. We suddenly came to a bright place so I was dazzled by the sunlight.

“Hey. Welcome back. It went quite smoothly, didn’t it?”

The witch Hecate who was wearing a wide-brimmed hat came out to meet us.

“Wan wan (Are these the Dragon Nicht Grass? Do we have enough?)”

“That’s it. And it’s also more than enough you know?”

I handed the case stuffed full of Dragon Nicht Grass to Hecate.

“Well then, I guess I should get started with refining the miracle drug. Nafra, I’ll leave examining Zenovia-chan to you”

“Nya~n (Ye~s. Roger, nya)”

“Wan wan (I’ll entrust it to you Hecate)”

“Leave it to me”

After seeing Hecate off, I immediately went to Ojou-sama’s side.

It’s absolutely regrettable but I’ll just have to wait for the next opportunity to lick Zenovia-chan’s crying face.

As I ran through the hallway, I passed by a maid who was angry because I’m not allowed to run there but I’m in a hurry to reach Ojou-sama’s room so I didn’t stop.

“Wan wan! (Ojou-sama! We brought the medicine! With this, you can now get better quickly!)”

I used my forefoot to open the door as I rushed into Ojou-sama’s room.

“Ara ara, Routs. Just where did you go? Ojou-sama was worried you know?”

Miranda-san the maid stood up from her seat.

It seems like she has been with Ojou-sama for quite a while nursing her since slight marks of fatigue are showing at the bottom of her eyes.

“Wan (Sorry!)”

While apologizing to Mirada-san, I climbed up to Ojou-sama's bed with my forefeet to check her condition.

"...Routa?"

Ojou-sama opened her eyes while still in her feverish state.

"Routaa...!"

Then, tears immediately started to run down those eyes.

"Where did you go... You were gone for a long time... I was really worried...!"

She wrapped her hands around my neck and tightly and pushed her face against it. Ojou-sama's body was so hot it felt like she was on fire.

I guess this is the limit of Hecate's antipyretic medicine.

It must be really painful for her.

It breaks my heart knowing that I left Ojou-sama for half a day in such a helpless state.

"Ku—n ku—n (I'm sorry, Ojou-sama but I had to go and get some medicine that would make Ojou-sama's condition better)"

"Routa... Routa... Don't leave me alonee..."

"Ku—n (Yes yes. I won't go away anymore, okay—?)"

Ojou-sama's complain filled hug continued until Hecate brought over the medicine she refined.

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After drinking the miracle drug, Ojou-sama's fever quickly came down.

That evening, Ojou-sama was now able to get up so Papa-san cried while rubbing his cheeks against her.

"Oohhhhhhhh, Maryyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy! Thank goodness! Seriouslyyyyyyy, what a relief!!"

"Ufufu. Father, your mustache is tickling me"

Ojou-sama gently calmed Papa-san who was clinging to her.
If it's like this then I'm not sure which one of them is the parent here.

"Ojou-sama!!"

Right there, Zenovia-chan came in flying.

It seems like she finally regained her consciousness.
Did Nafra treat her I wonder? It seems like even the wound on her back from being thrown by Renwoworm got cured.

"Ah, Zenovia-san"

Ojou-sama answered Zenovia-chan's call with a smile.

"Ojou-sama, how are you feeling...!?"

"Yes. I'm already better. It's all because Zenovia-san looked for the ingredients for the medicine. Thank you very much"

"Zenovia-kun! I also give you my thanks! Really, thank you!"

While shedding a waterfall of tears, Papa-san grabbed Zenovia-chan's hand.

"I was also making preparations to obtain it so I know but the Dragon Nicht grass is some kind of elusive medicinal plant because it doesn't grow anywhere aside from a dragon's nest, right? You probably ignored the dangers and went to that sort of place knowing that there's a chance to fight a dragon all for the sake of Mary, didn't you?"

"Ha!? No, uhm...!"

A bewildered Zenovia-chan was being barraged by Papa-san's vigorous praises.

"In the middle of the night, I saw a strip of light running towards the sky that was visible all the way over here. I guessed that there was some kind of fierce battle happening in that area. So that was Zenovia-kun's doing after all. As expected from a former SS³ rank adventurer. I'm really glad that I invited you to this mansion. Obviously, I will give you a reward. You can ask for whatever you want!"

“No! You’re mistaken! I didn’t do any...!”

As far as Zenovia-chan was concerned, that was a huge misunderstanding.

If you only look at the result, all that Zenovia-chan did was rummage the place but even though the last thing she remembers was fainting, she’s now being treated as a hero in the mansion.

You would obviously get bewildered by that.

“Mistaken...? However, we do actually have the Drachen Nicht grass here... If it wasn’t Zenovia-kun, then who in the world did it...?”

Because of Zenovia-chan’s forceful denial, this time it was Papa-san who was bewildered.

Thinking about who was absent from the mansion yesterday, it was only Zenovia-chan and a certain animal.

That is to say, me.

Because of that, everyone’s gazes were focused on me.

“Wafuu (...ah!)”

OH SHIIIIIIITTTTTTTTTT!

I was so focused on getting the Dragon Nicht Grass that I didn’t consider a means to deceive them afterwards.

What’s worse is that Hecate isn’t here to give me a follow-up.

Even though it’s far away, they were able to see the battle so they know that somebody was fighting the dragon.

As expected, if a dog is fighting a dragon, everybody would think that there’s something weird going on.

As it is, my true character would get exposed.

“Routa...?”

Mirada-san the maid looked down on me with eyes filled with fear.

“Kyu—n kyu—n! (You’re wrong Miranda-san! I’m just an ordinary charming white

puppy! Don't point those doubtful eyes at me! Seriously! Please! I don't want to part with my current lifestyle!!!!!!leeeeeeee!)"

"Routa? Could it be...?"

Even Papa-san's voice was trembling as he asked me.
It feels as if there's fear mixed to that voice.

I-it's no good. I'm done for if even Papa-san who is the head of the family is doubting me...!

What do I do...! What do I do...!
I can't think of anything at all...!

"Routa... Don't tell me it was..."

"—ha, hahahaha!!"

That cheerful laughter drowned out the silence of that situation.

"Now that you've noticed it, it can't be helped! That's right, it was I who defeated the dragon and brought home the Dragon Nicht Grass! It was a formidable opponent but by my hands, I defeated it!"

Zenovia-chan puffed up her chest and began talking proudly.

"Ku—n (No way. You're the one who's sending me a lifeboat in this situation...?)"

She's doing such terrible acting though.

Considering Zenovia-chan's character, portraying somebody who steals other's achievements should be the thing she hates the most.

But even with that, is she enacting this performance all because of me?

"Oohh, it was as I thought. It was Zenovia-kun after all!"

"Ha, ha ha ha! That's not all! I also took Routa with me since I thought he might be able to do something but he just got scared and was completely useless in battle! I guess that was to be expected, he's just a normal dog after all! Ha ha ha ha!"

Zenovia-chan is doing this to hide my true nature after all.

As proof of that is how hard she was grasping her hands to avoid it shaking as she said such lies.

Endure it. Endure it, Zenovia-chan.

This is for my sake so please put up with it for now...!

Papa-san frolicking over Zenovia-chan calling her AMAZIIIING and such continued for a while longer after that.

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“Gafu Gafu! (Tashty! Reely Tashty! As expected, the old man’s meals are the best!)”

The first batch of meat from the wild boar, which was just the boar’s loin, finished curing and was turned into grilled steak seasoned only with salt and pepper so I was wolfing that down.

The thick meat was thoroughly cooked using an oven at low heat at first before burning the excess fat off with a strong open flame.

Even though it was thoroughly heated to remove the meaty smell, it’s still juicy as it is. Biting it causes all sorts of flavor to come out because of all the oozing meat juices.

Ultra tasty! This is a quality you would expect from a master griller!

“Nya~n! (It’s true. It really is tasty, isn’t it! Routa-san!)”

“Wan wan! (Damn right! It’s the greatest! By the way Nafra-san, could you stop stealing my meal from the side?)”

This is mine! Hecate prepared yours, right!?

“Nya~ (Ehh—. Don’t say such mean things. Let’s just split it in half. Halfsies, okay♪)”

“Wan wan! (You were planning to consume half of it!? I’m appalled by such imprudence!)”

I won’t allow you even if you did say that in a cute way!

“Chu— chu— (That’s right. Don’t you know your place you worthless cat?)”

Chu—?

It feels like this is the first time I heard that strange cry.

“Chu— chu— (Hmm. It’s just as you said, this meat is extremely delicious. It’s decided. I’ll be coming back to have some more)”

When I looked down to where the meat was, there was a small mouse was sitting pretty at the edge of the plate.

It was skillfully using its hands to munch on a piece of meat.

It has a pretty unusual looking vivid blue fur.

“Nya—! (A, a mouse—!? Mice are scary! Routa-san, defeat it! Step on it!)”

Nafra jumped while screaming.

“Wafu... (Why are you scared of a mouse even though you’re a cat... You really do have a lot of quirks, don’t you...)”

“Chu— (Good grief. What a noisy one. Right, my dear?)”

The blue mouse ran on my hand and climbed the top of my head.

“Wafuu (H-hey)”

“Chu— (What is it? Weren’t you’re the one who said that we should meet again? That’s why I went out of my way to come here. Aren’t you going to give me a proper welcome?)”

I’ve heard that shameless way of talking before.

“Wan! (You! Don’t tell me... Are you Renwowryrm!?)”

“Chu— chu— (Umu. You finally noticed huh. The humans would be frightened by my former appearance after all. Because of that, I had to take this inconspicuous appearance to come here. I’m a smart girl who knows how to properly consider the time, place and occasion)”

I’d like it if you’d also demonstrate a proper TPO for when we meet though.

Or rather, you can freely change your appearance like that?

Is the reason why there's an extremely low amount of dragon sightings is because you guys are transforming into different beings while living your lives...?

No good.

I feel like I just learned one of this world's most important secrets.

And this knowledge was passed to a mere dog. I should just forget about it.

"Chu— chu— (Well, that's that. I'll be troubling you for a while, my dear)"

"Wafuu!? (HAA!? Why!? Can't you just go home!?)"

"Chu— (I wonder whose fault it is that my nest was destroyed?)"

"...ku—n (It was me...)"

"Chu— (It's fine if you understand. Umu. Your fur is really comfortable to sleep in. It's settled. I'll make this my new nest!)"

Nest you say? Are you planning to live in my fur!?

I can't strongly refute that though since we're the reason why her house broke.

This kinda feels like I just decided to keep a tick...

"Chu— (Also, I've decided. Since I was defeated by you, I have no problems with you being my partner. I'm worried about your perverseness but, well, I guess love is blind. You'll eventually be my husband so you should be thankful)"⁴.

This stupid mouse just said such outrageous bullshit.

I immediately replied.

"Wan (I refuse)"

"Chu—! (W-why—!? I'll have you know that I'm the most beautiful maiden among all the dragons!)"

"Wan wan! (Like I said, I'm not into furrieeeeesssssssss!!)"

Since the blue mouse shouted in my ear, I shouted back in reply.

“Nya~n (The meat was really tasty, wasn’t it—?)”

Reacting to Nafra’s voice, I looked at the plate in front of me and saw that there was nothing left.

“Wan! (Ah! While we were busy with that, this guy kept eating the meat all by herself!)”

“Chu—! (What!? You greedy cat! Punish her my dear!)”

“Wan wan! (Nafra! I’ll teach you one thing. There’s nothing worse than a grudge because of fooodood! HEYYYY! Give me back my meat! MEEEEAAAAT!!!)”

“Gi-ginya—! (N-noooooooooooooooooooooo!)”

It is at this point where the start of a long relationship between a stupid dog, a stupid cat, and a stupid mouse was established.

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A week has passed since we brought home the Dragon Nicht Grass.
The miracle drug worked properly so Ojou-sama is now already back to full health.

The mansion has now returned to its usual hustle and bustle and I’m now fully enjoying my mutt life once again.
Today as well, after eating lots of the old man’s cooking for lunch, I decided to go to the shade of the tree to take a nap.

Well, there’s also the fact that there’s a blue mouse living in my back and above my head on a tree branch is a snoring red cat.
I’ll just ignore them though. They won’t leave even if I tell them off anyway.

Although Ojou-sama just got cured of her illness, she back to clinging to me as usual and is currently hugging me while sleeping.

“Oi. You owe me for this”

From the other side of the tree, I heard Zenovia-chan’s voice.

“Because I was unconscious, I have no idea what happened. However, I’m sure that you did everything by yourself, right?”

I didn’t answer Zenovia-chan’s question.

If you want to know why, it’s because I’m just an ordinary pet dog after all.

“Good grief. Blowing my own horn like that, it was so embarrassing beyond belief. However, even if I did you a favor, I’m still greatly indebted to you. If I was alone, I wouldn’t have been able to do anything. Thank you for saving Ojou-sama”

Huuuh?

Did I really just hear Zenovia-chan thanking me?

It’s not going to hail tomorrow, is it?

“That’s all. Don’t misunderstand, okay? That doesn’t mean that I trust you. If ever you regain your wickedness, I’ll be the one to finish you off at that time”

After giving me that final threat, Zenovia-chan left.

Come on. Geez, why can’t you just be honest with yourself?

I really want to lick her.

The rays from the early summer’s sun was gradually getting stronger but it’s still pretty cool under the shade of the tree.

I want to enjoy my nap a bit more so I crossed my front paws and placed my chin on top of it.

At that time, a strong gust of wind blew which caused Ojou-sama to wake up.

“Funya...”

“Wan wan (Oh. Are you awake now, Ojou-sama? Since you’re still on break from studying, do you want to play catch?)”

When I asked that to Ojou-sama who still had a sleepy look, she immediately snapped out of it and hugged me tightly.

“What a relief. Routs, you’re really here... Don’t leave me alone anymore, okay?”

“Wan wan (Yeah yeah. I, Routa, will always stay by Ojou-sama’s side. I promise)”

Ojou-sama looked into my eyes. Then, like a large flower blooming, she let out a big smile.

“Routa, I love you very much!”

All the troubles I experienced until now was worth it just to see that face.

I'll say it again and again and again.

A pet's life is the beeeeeeeeeesssssssssssssttttttttttttt!!

AN: With this, Woof Woof Story's 1st arc is done (´・ω・`)





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